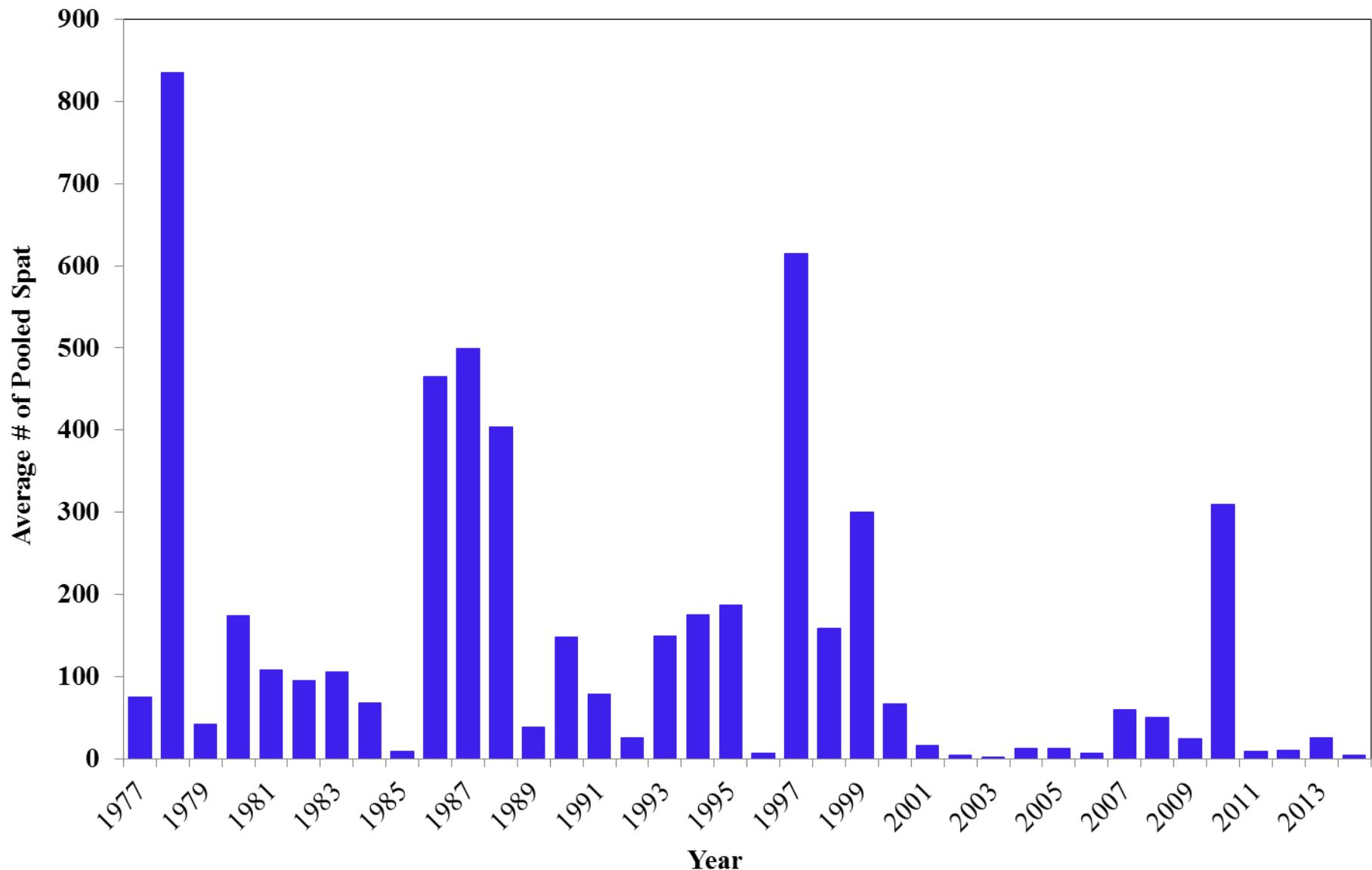


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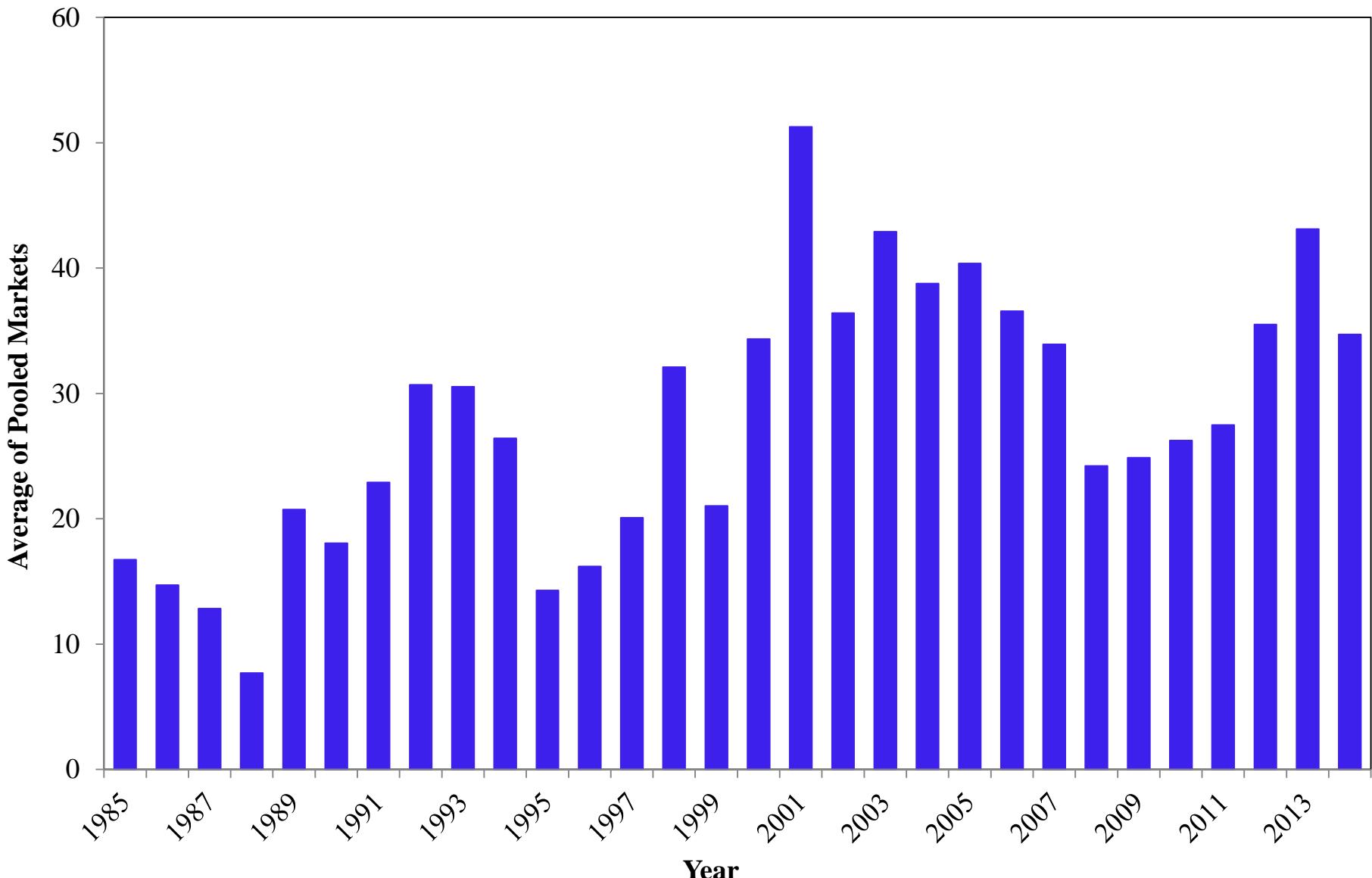


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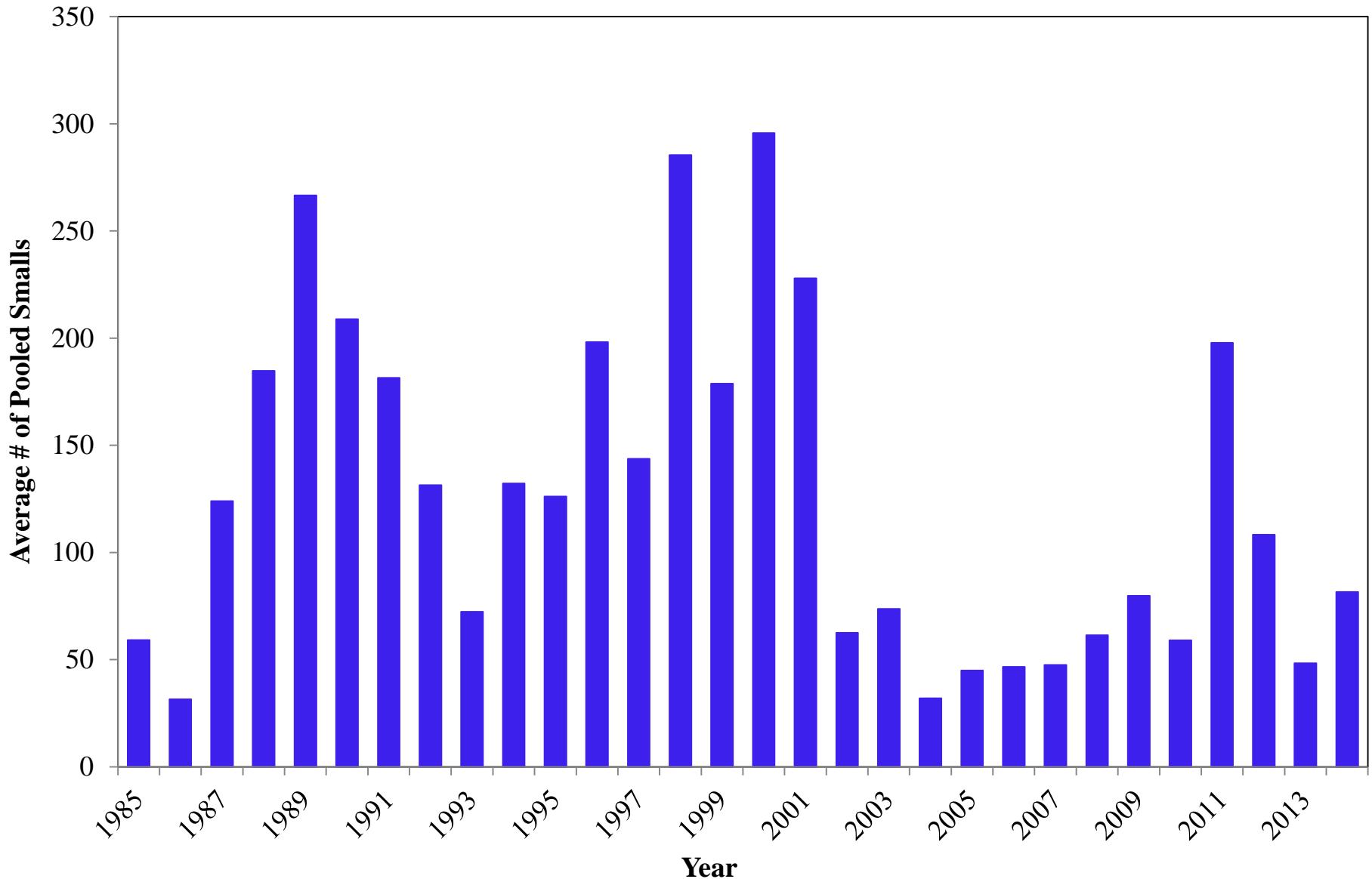
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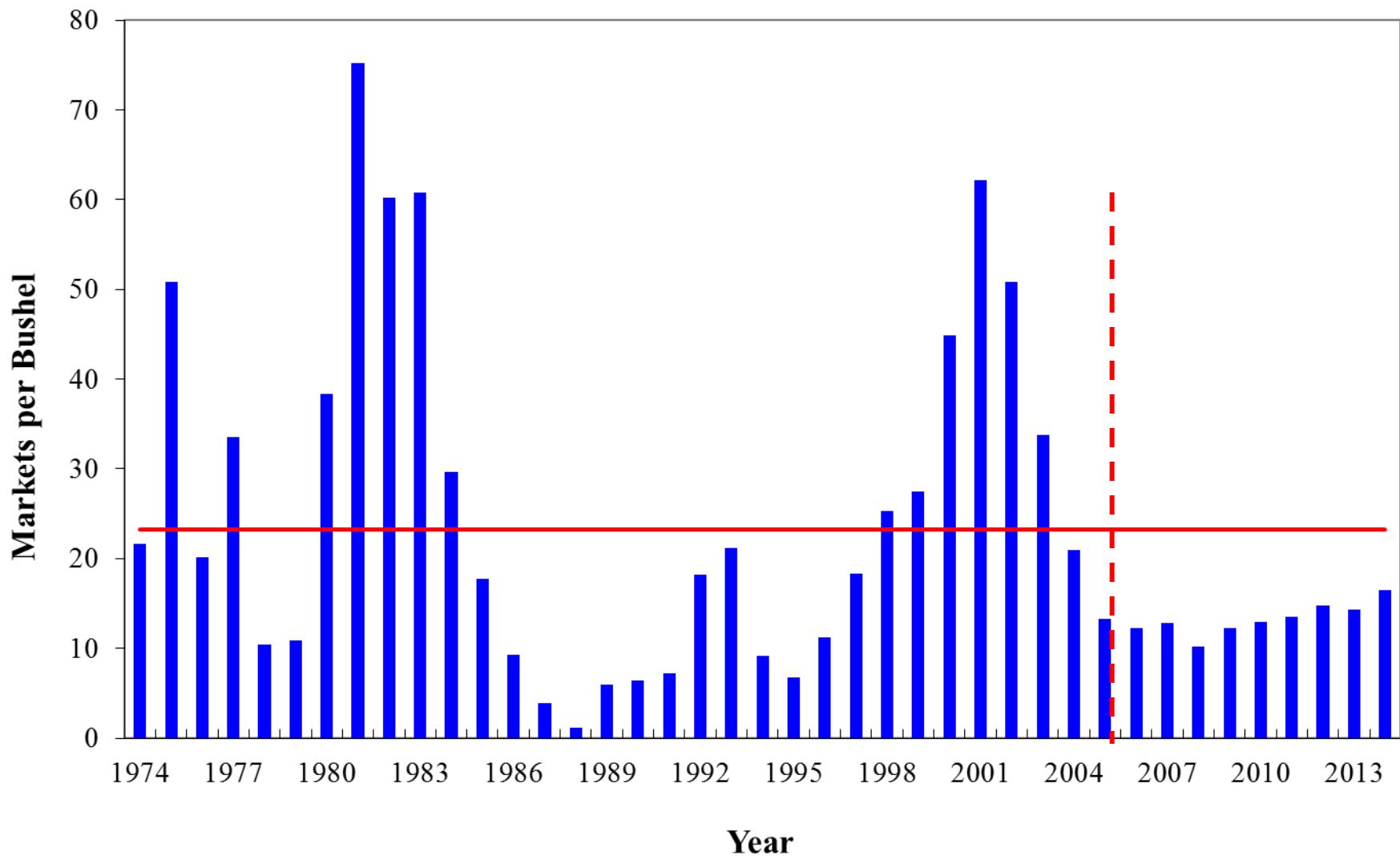
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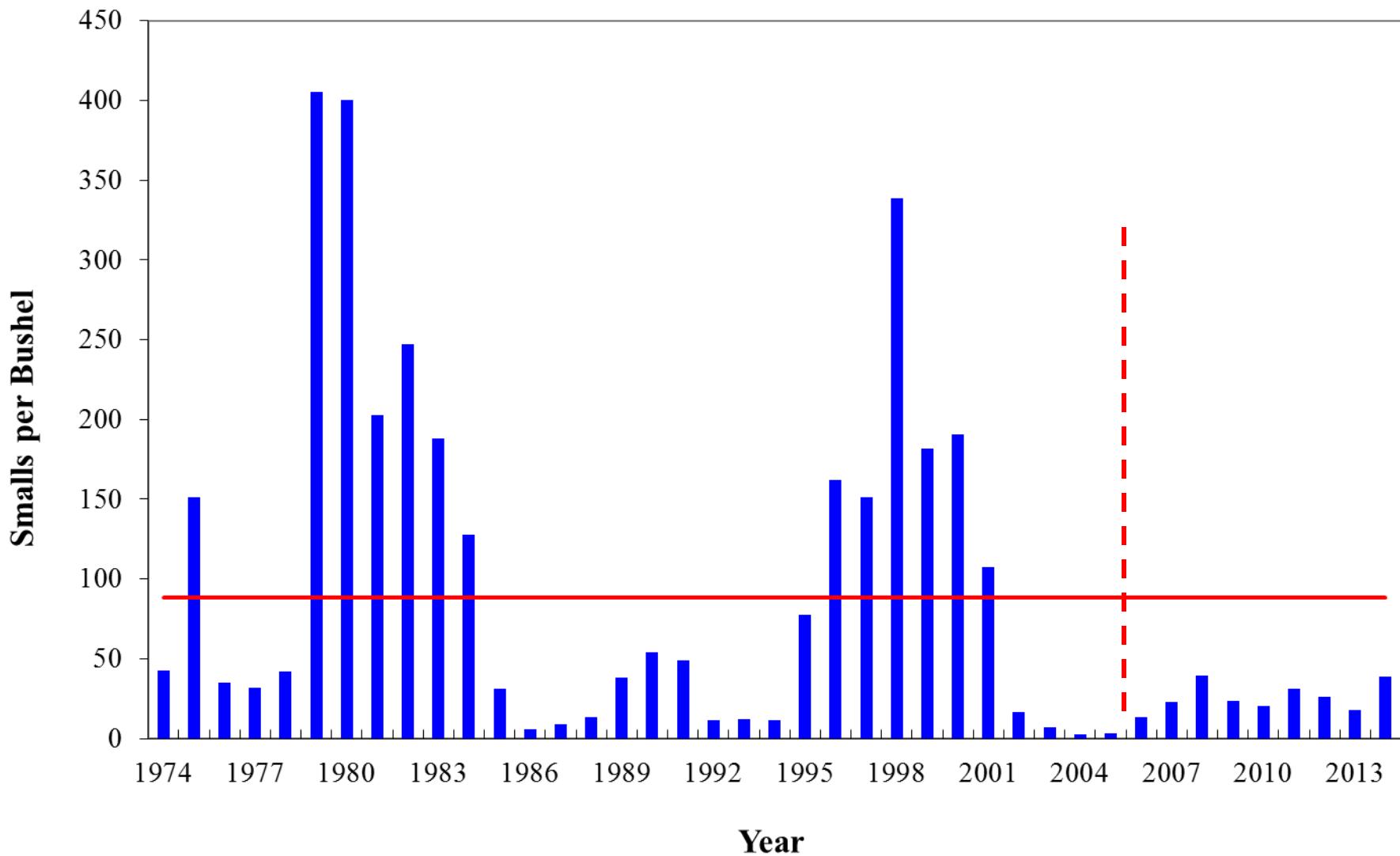
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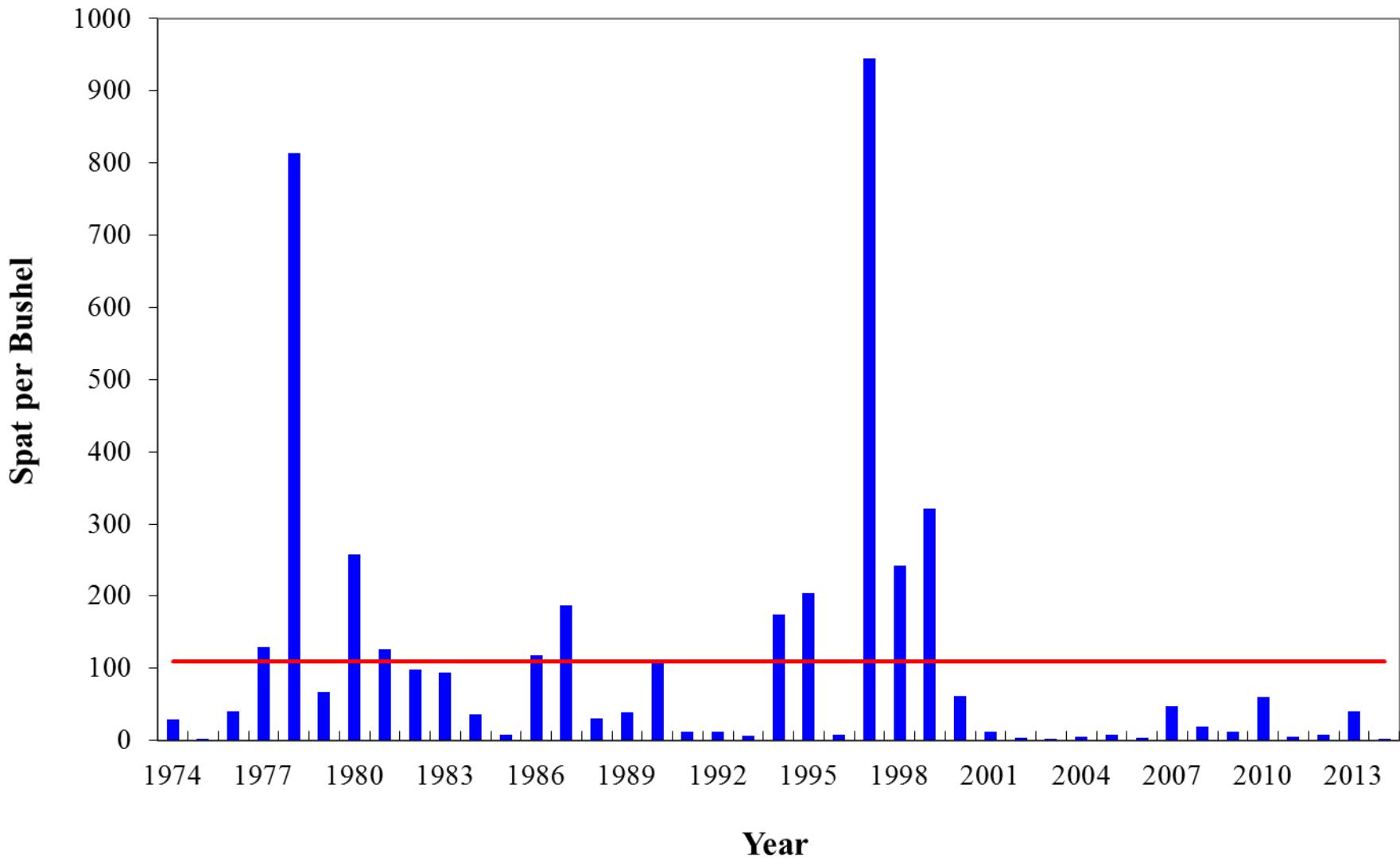
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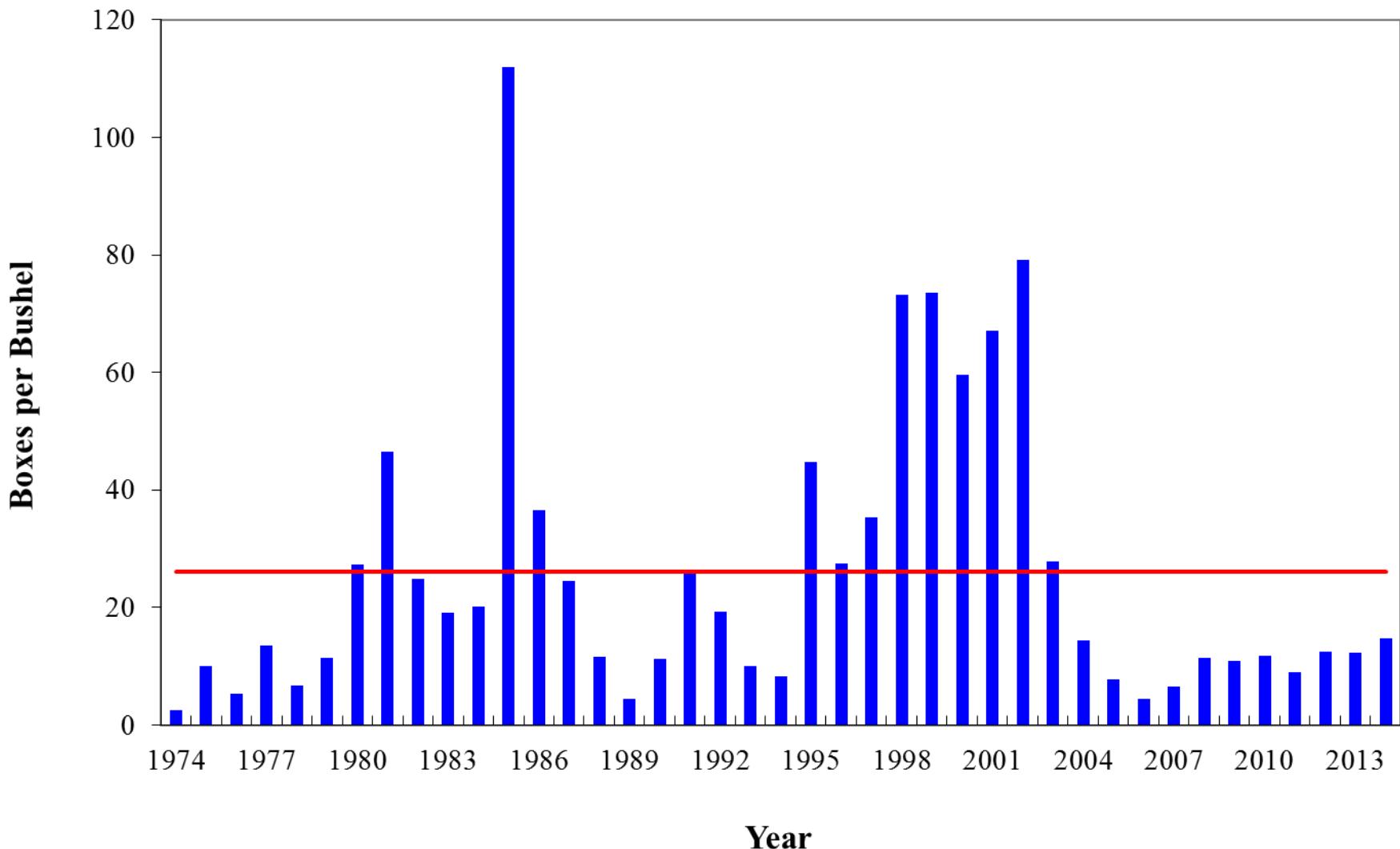
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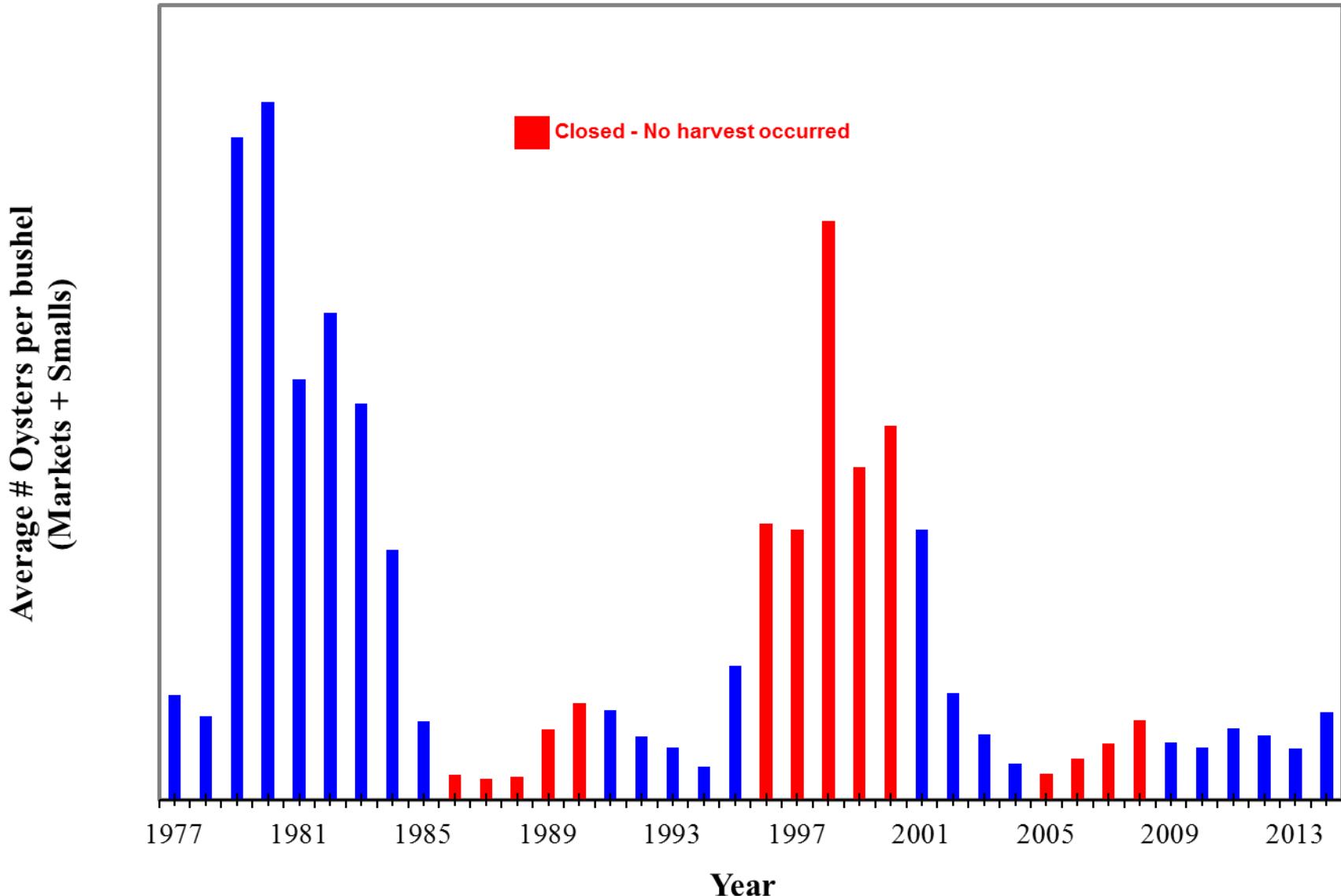
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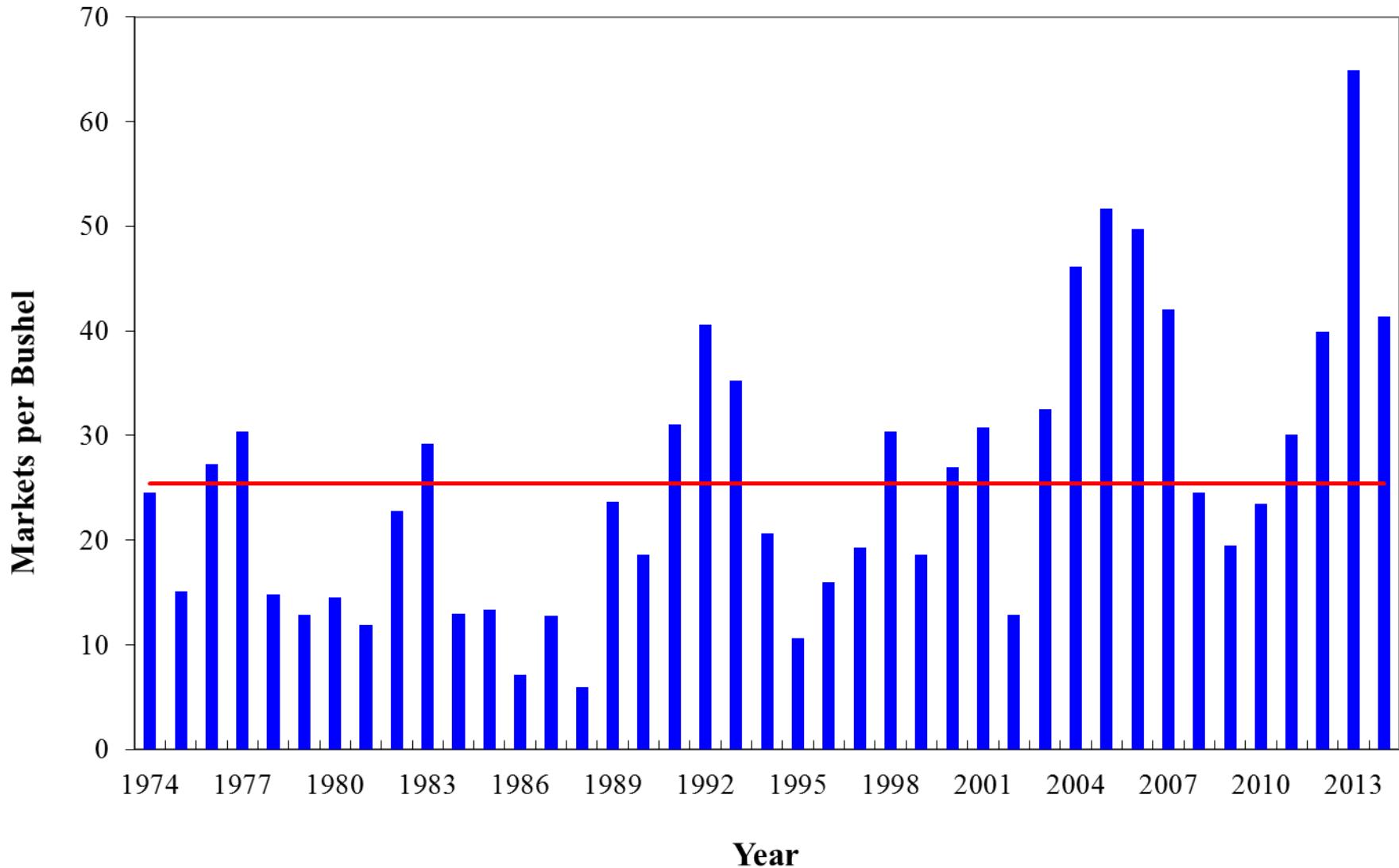
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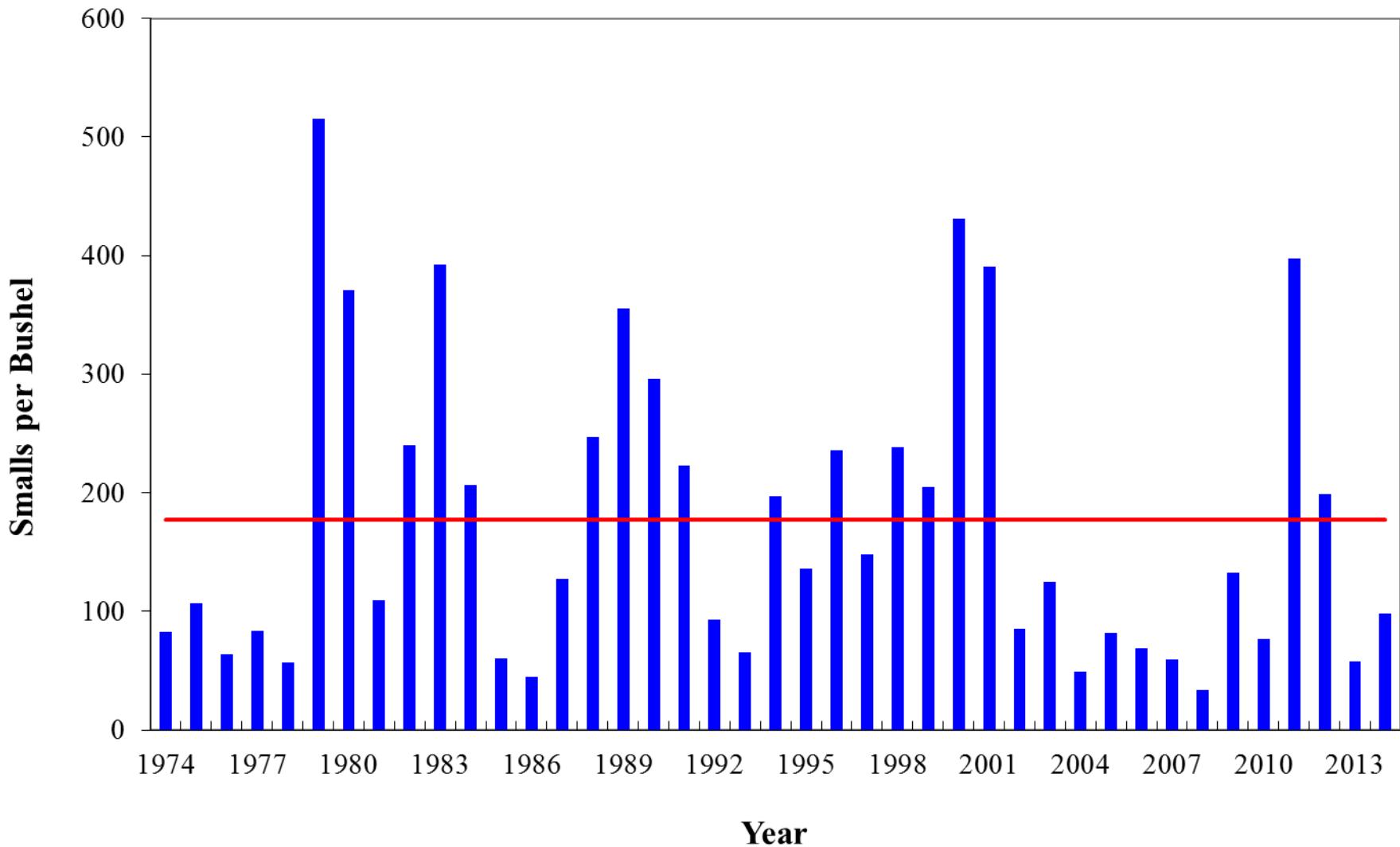
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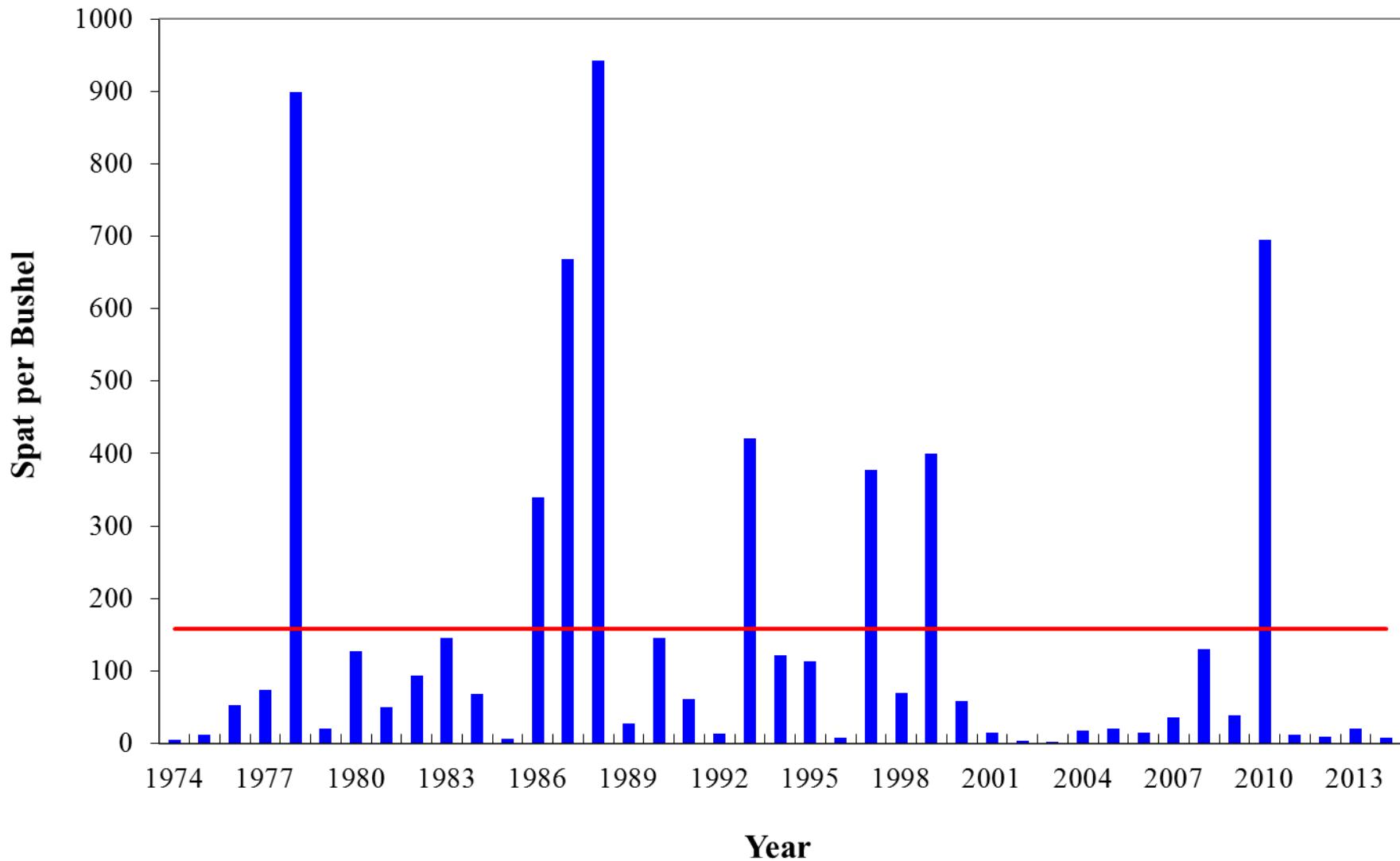
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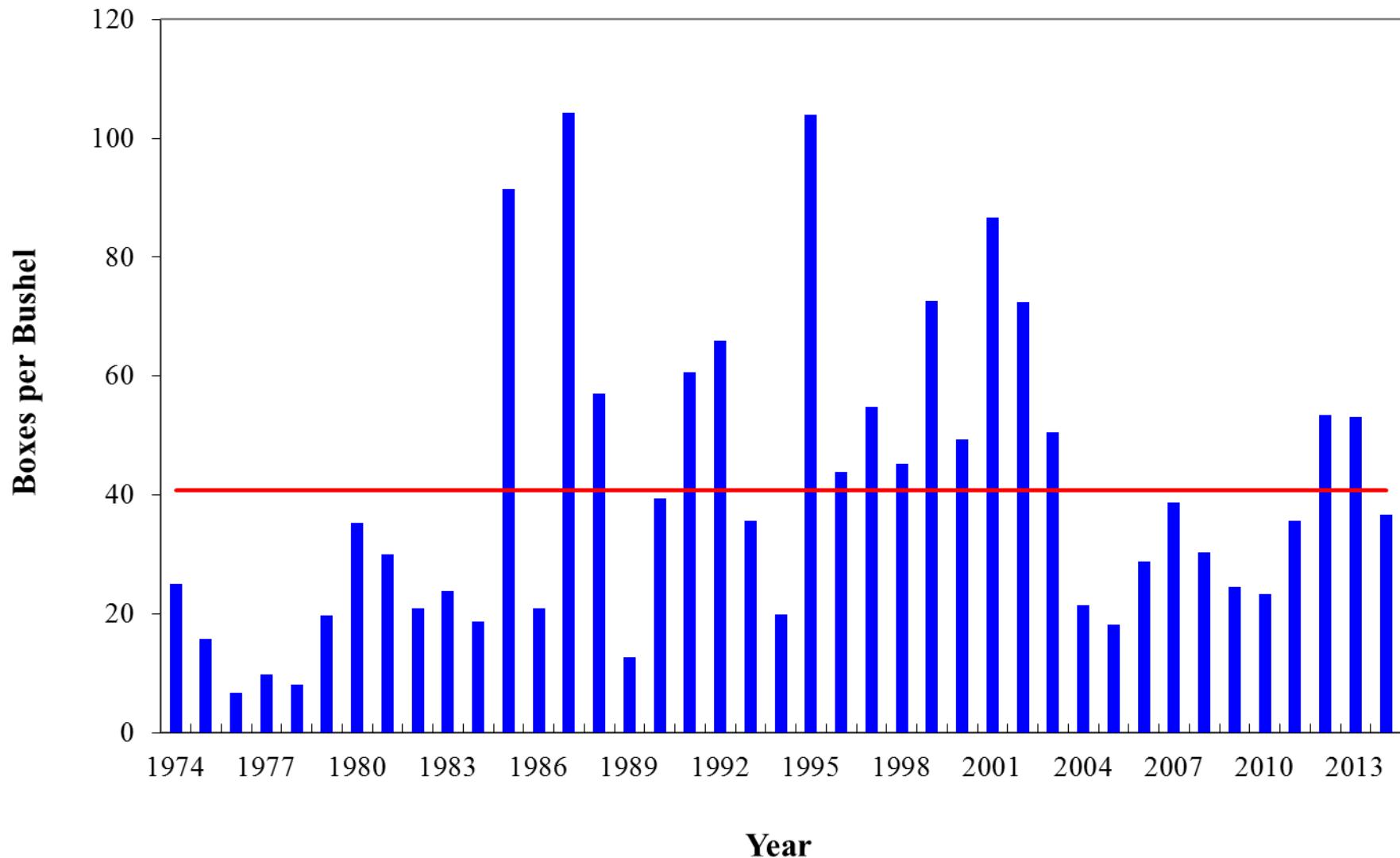
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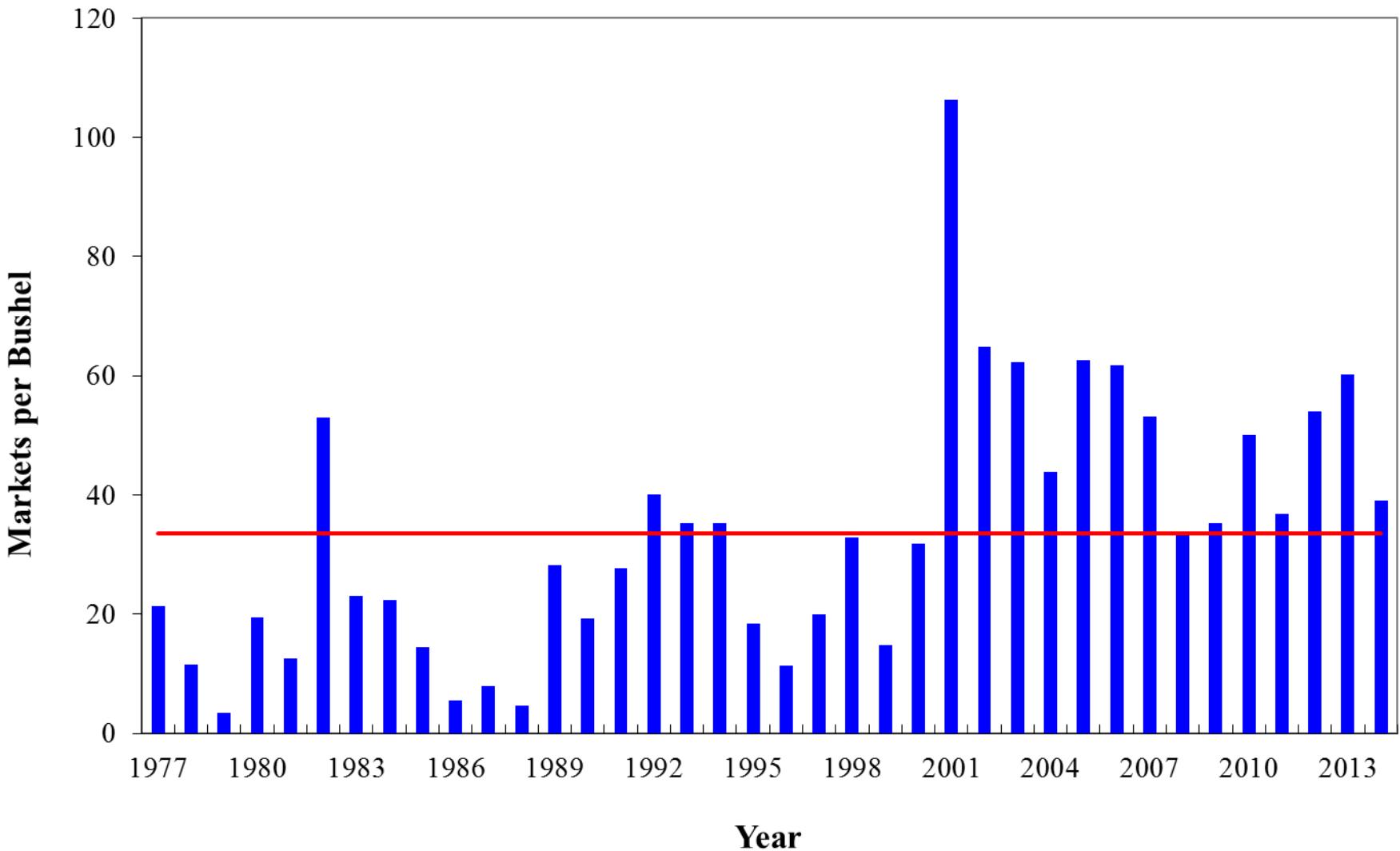
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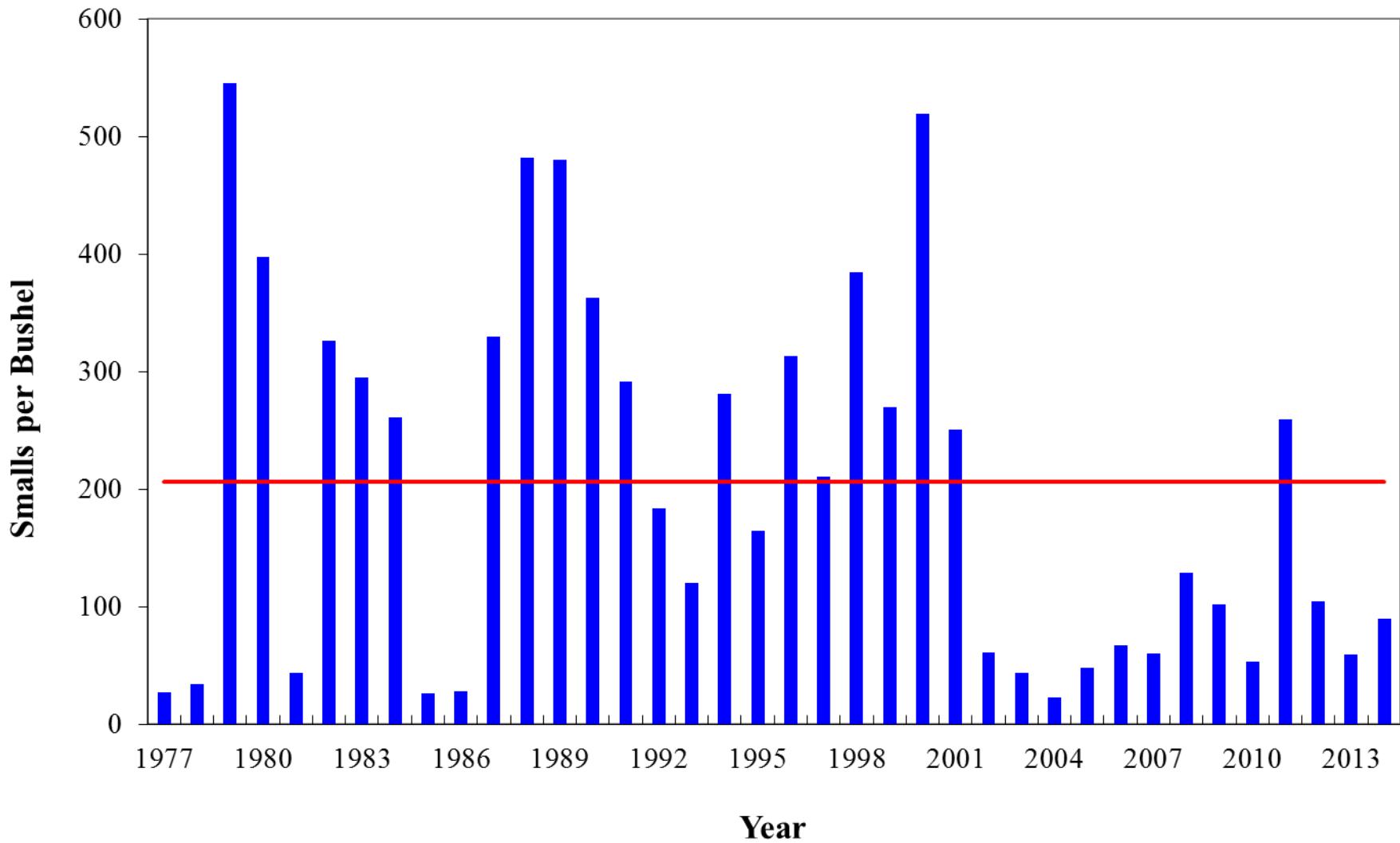
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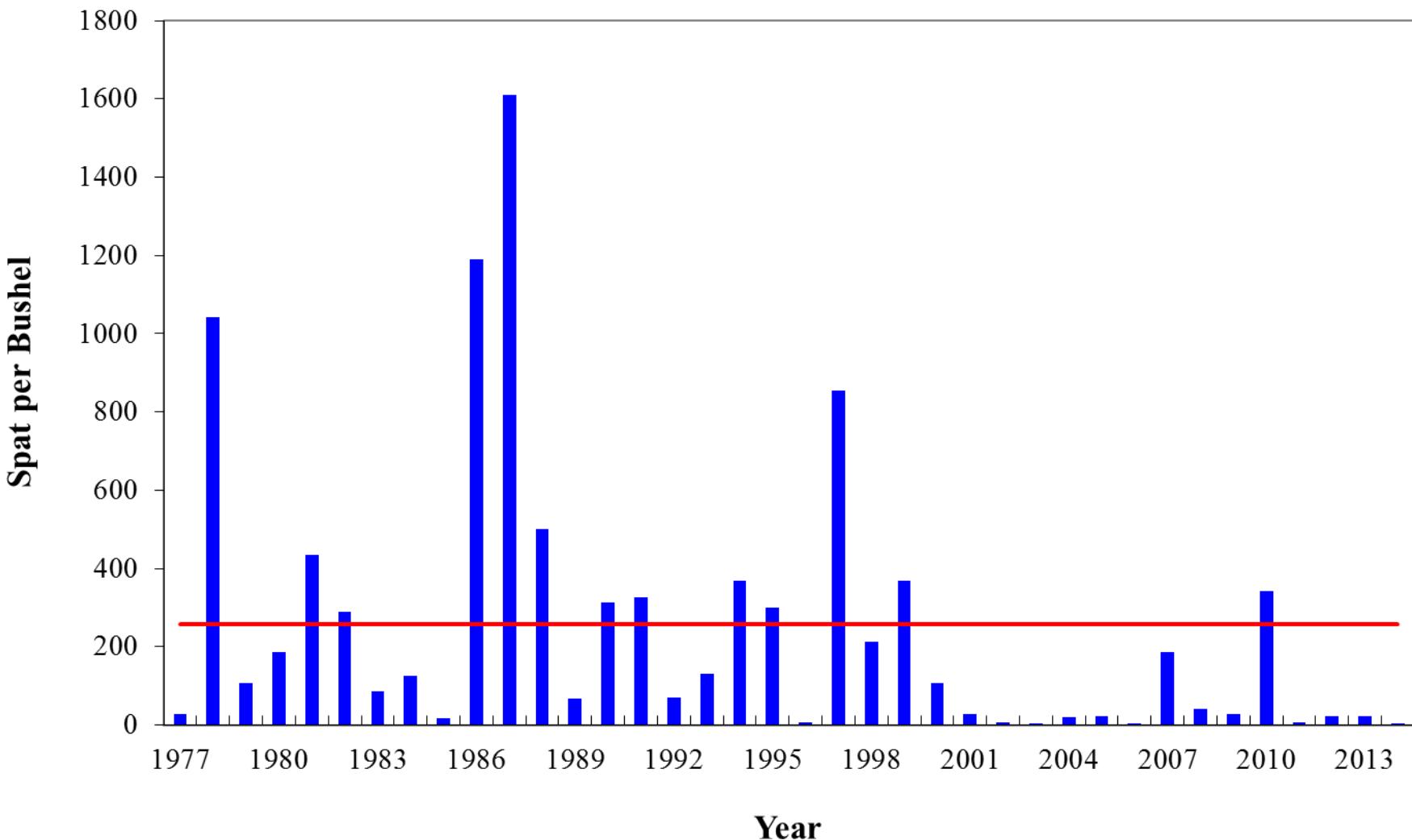
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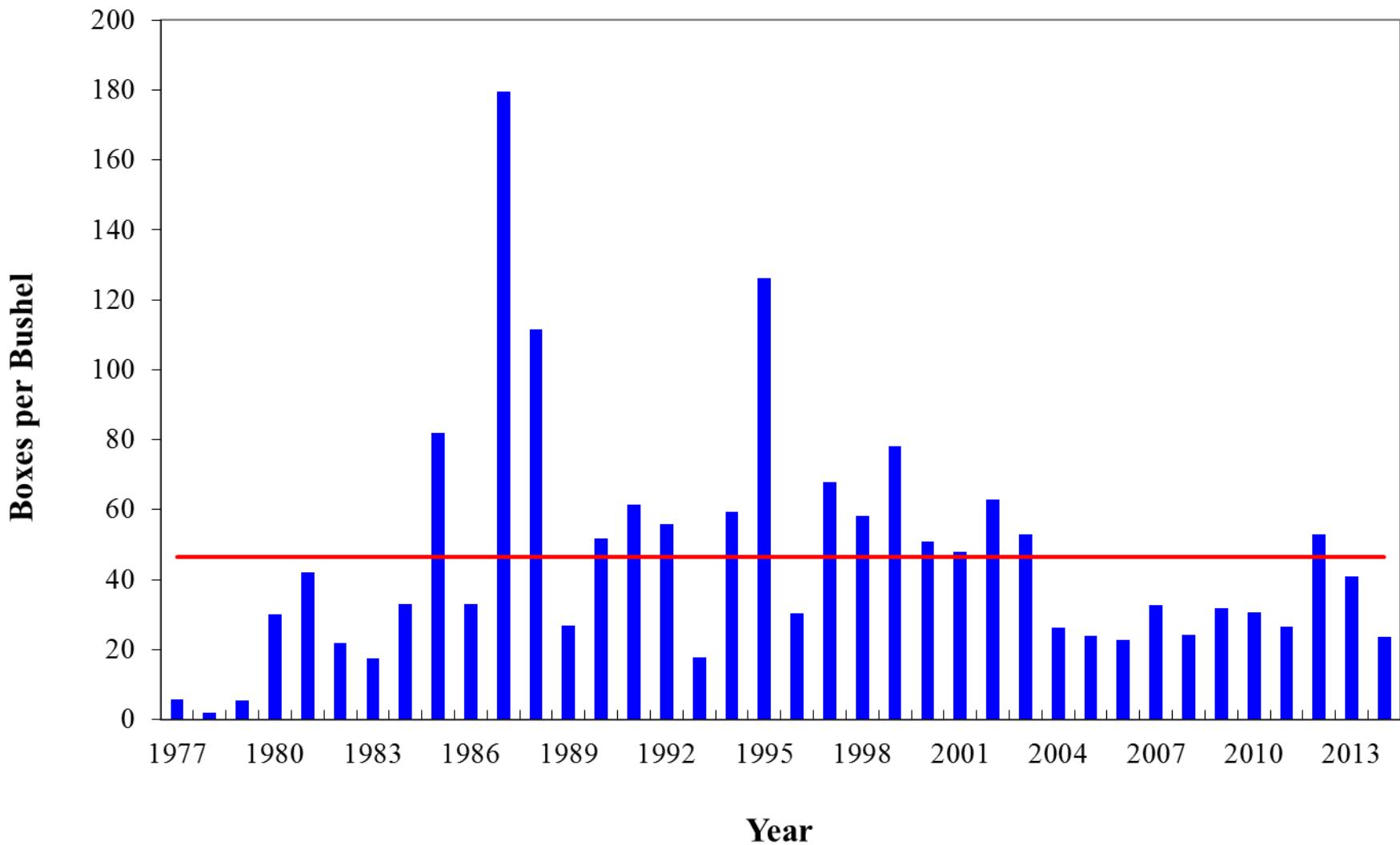
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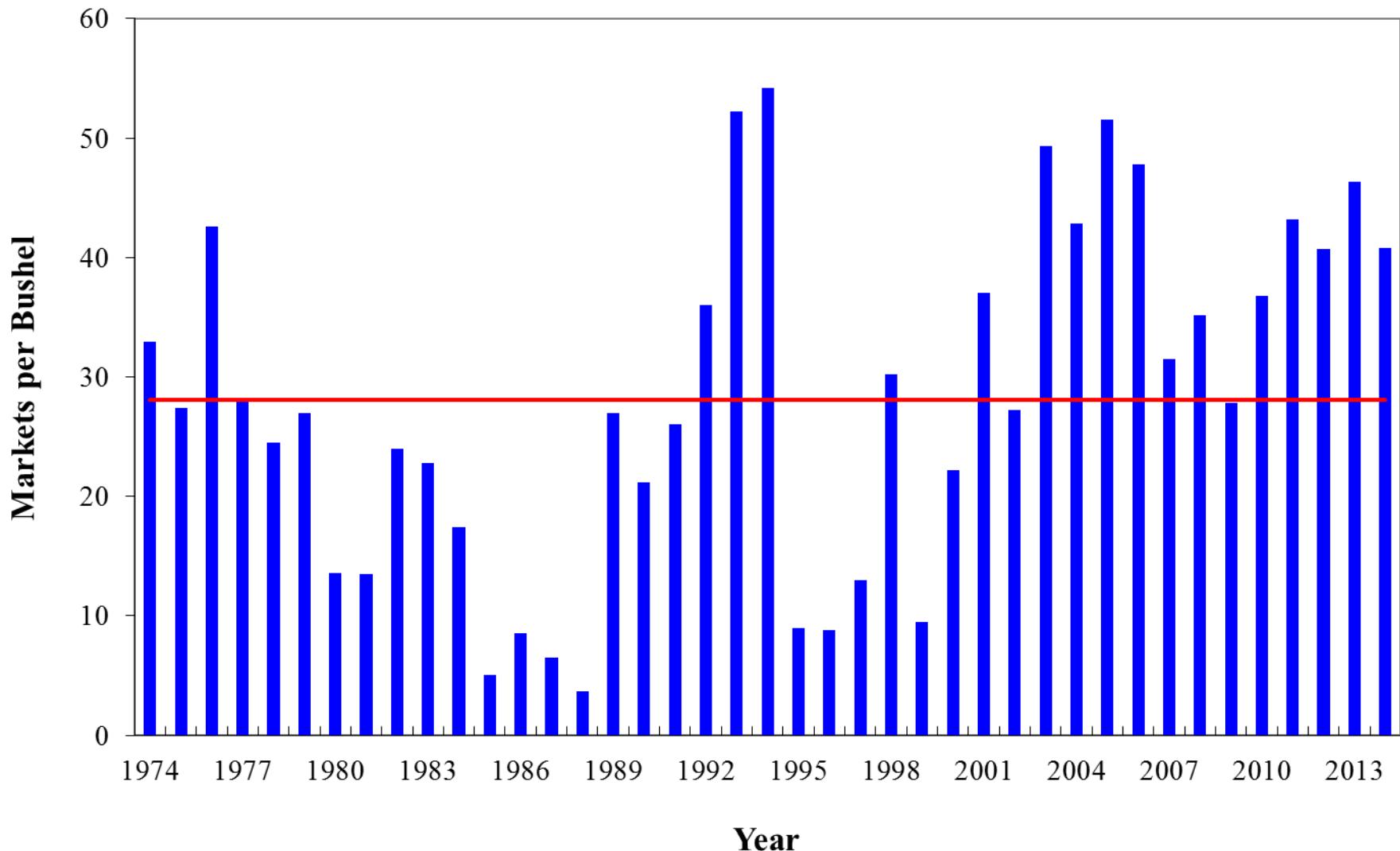
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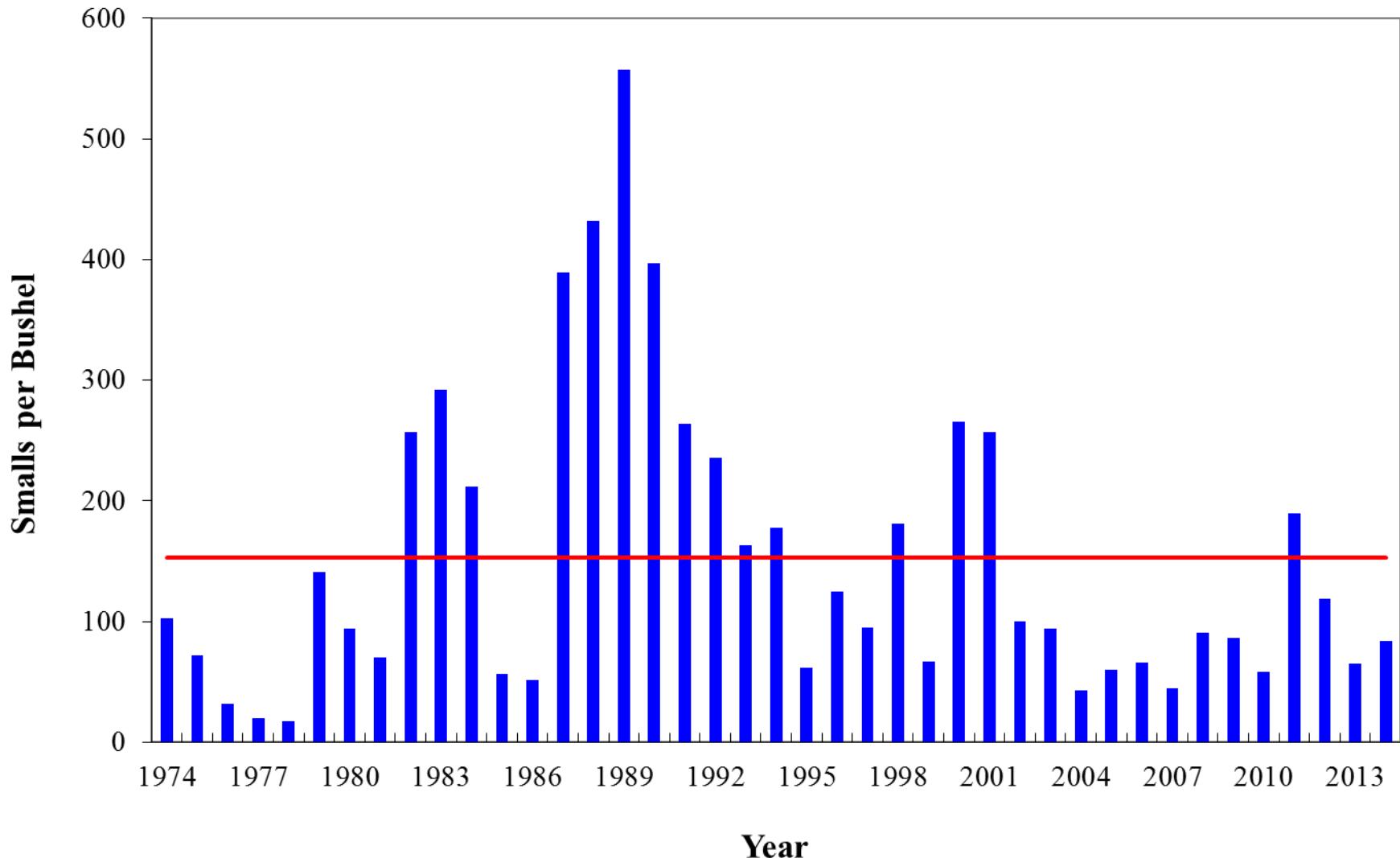
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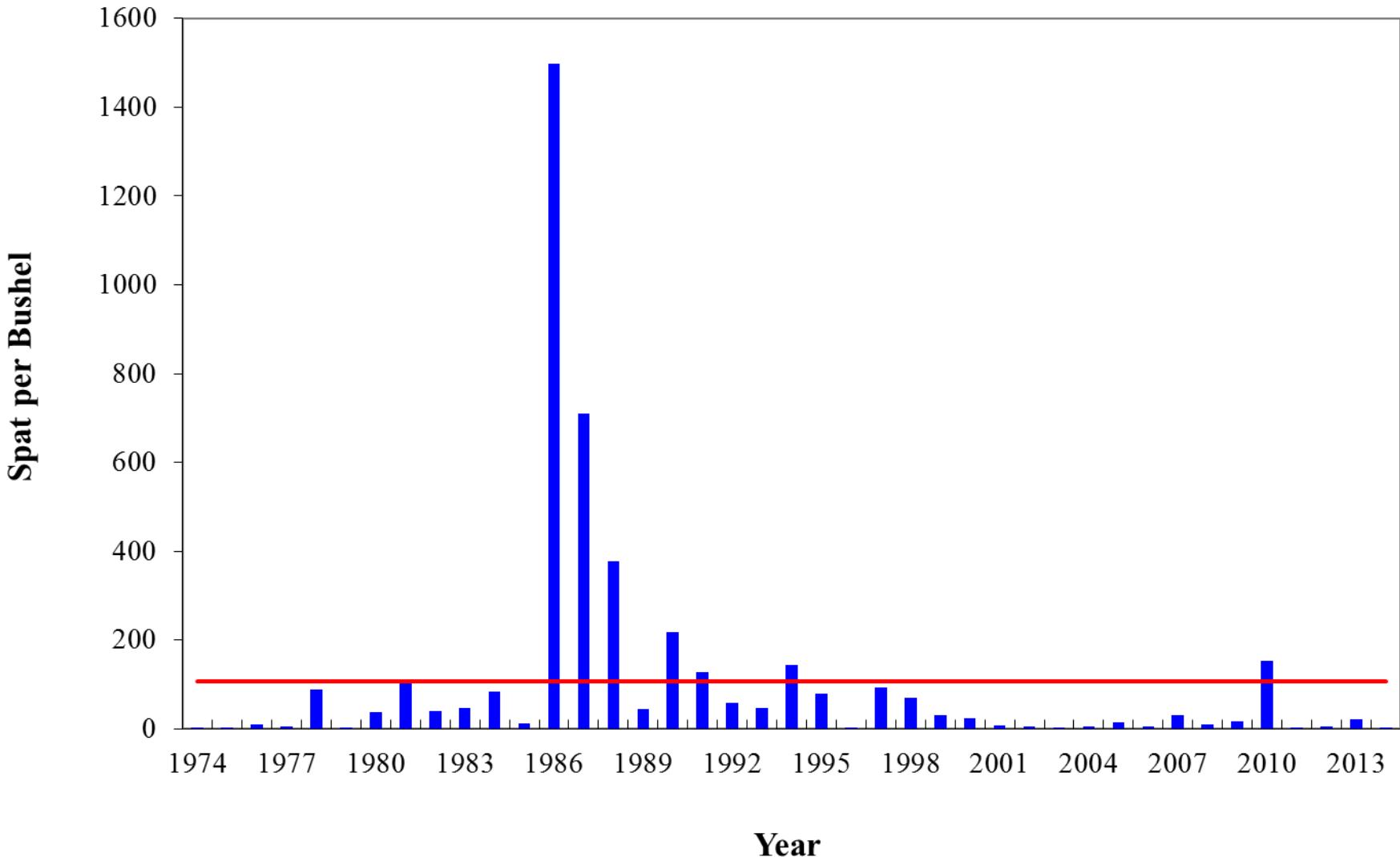
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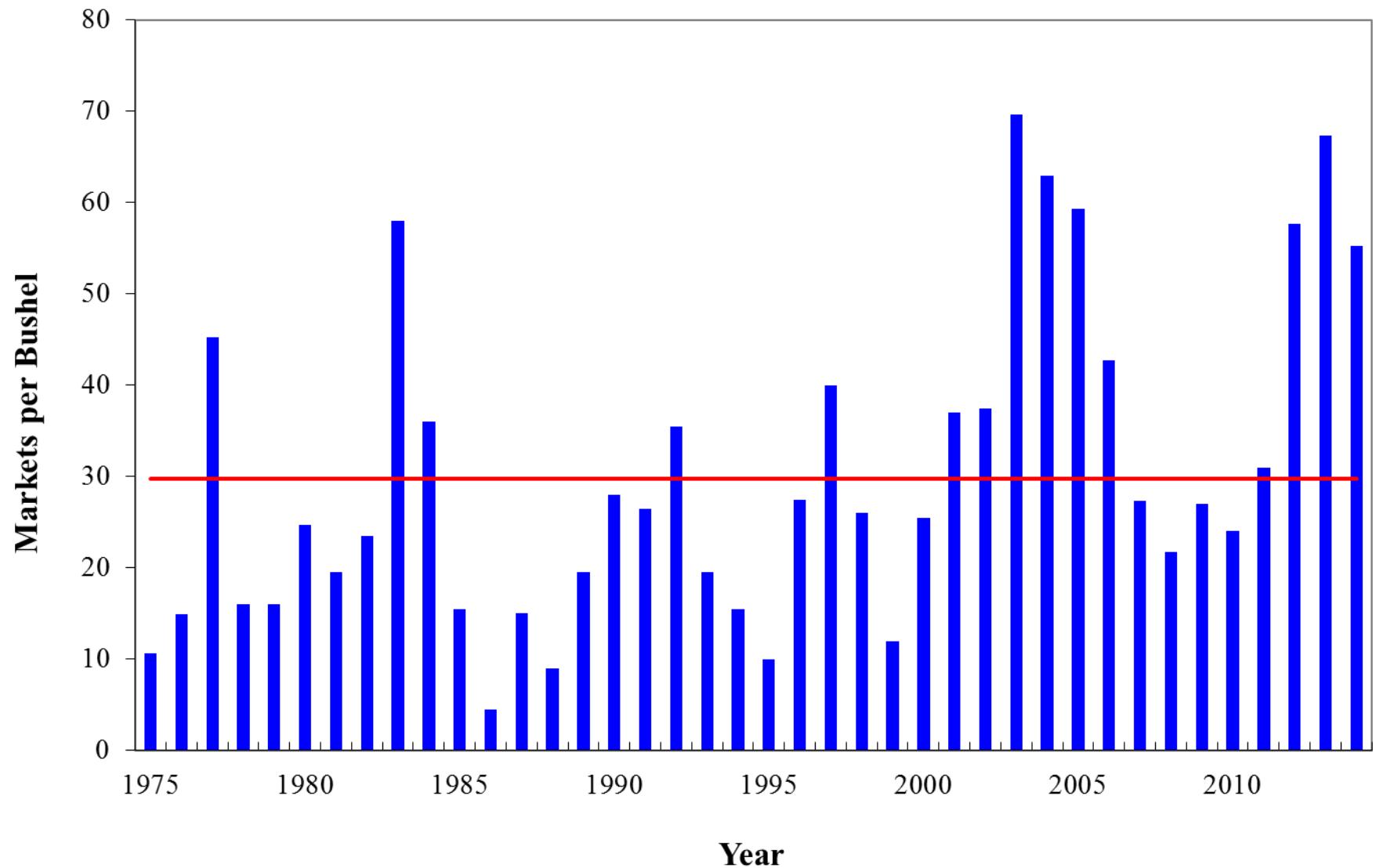
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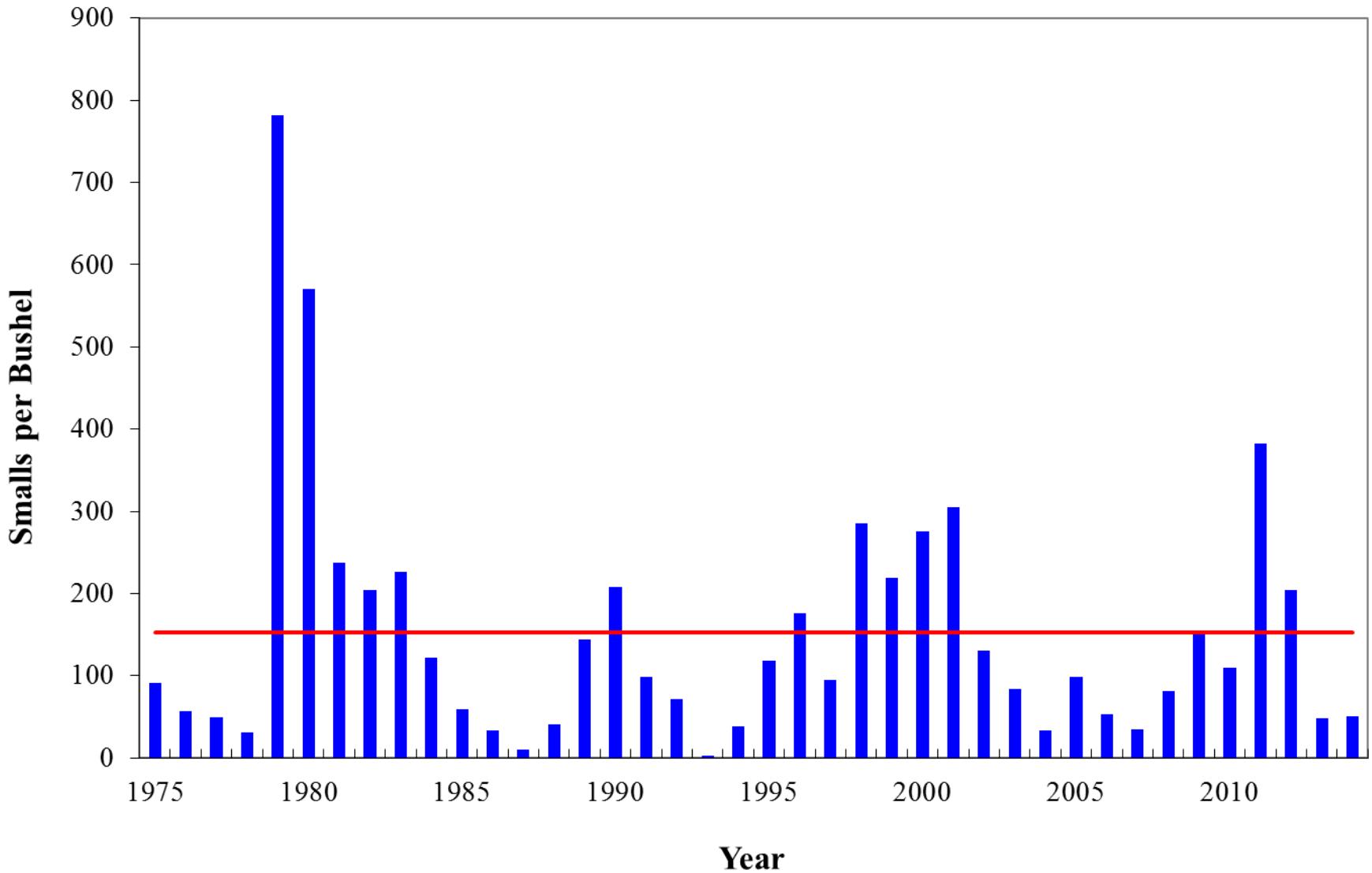
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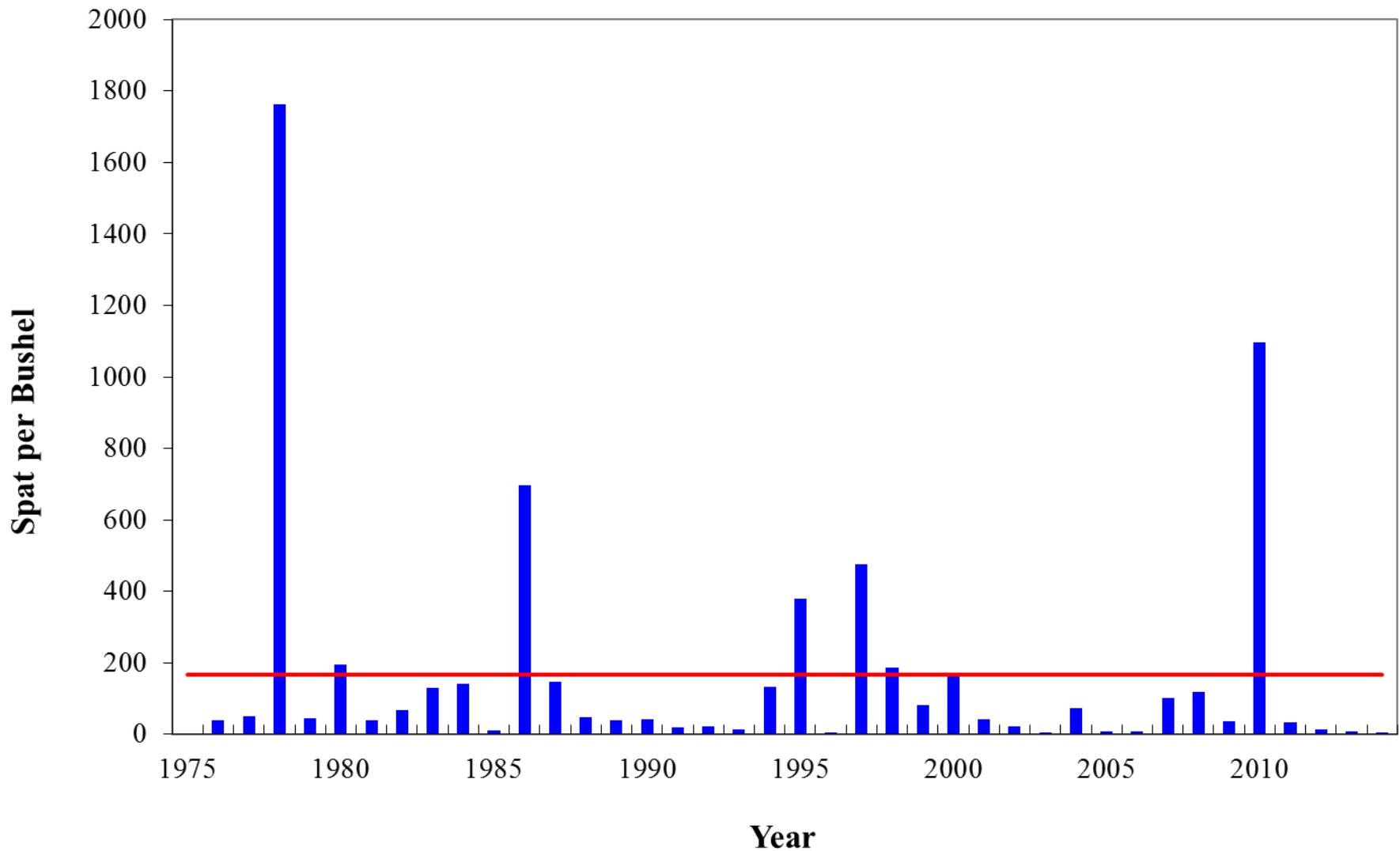
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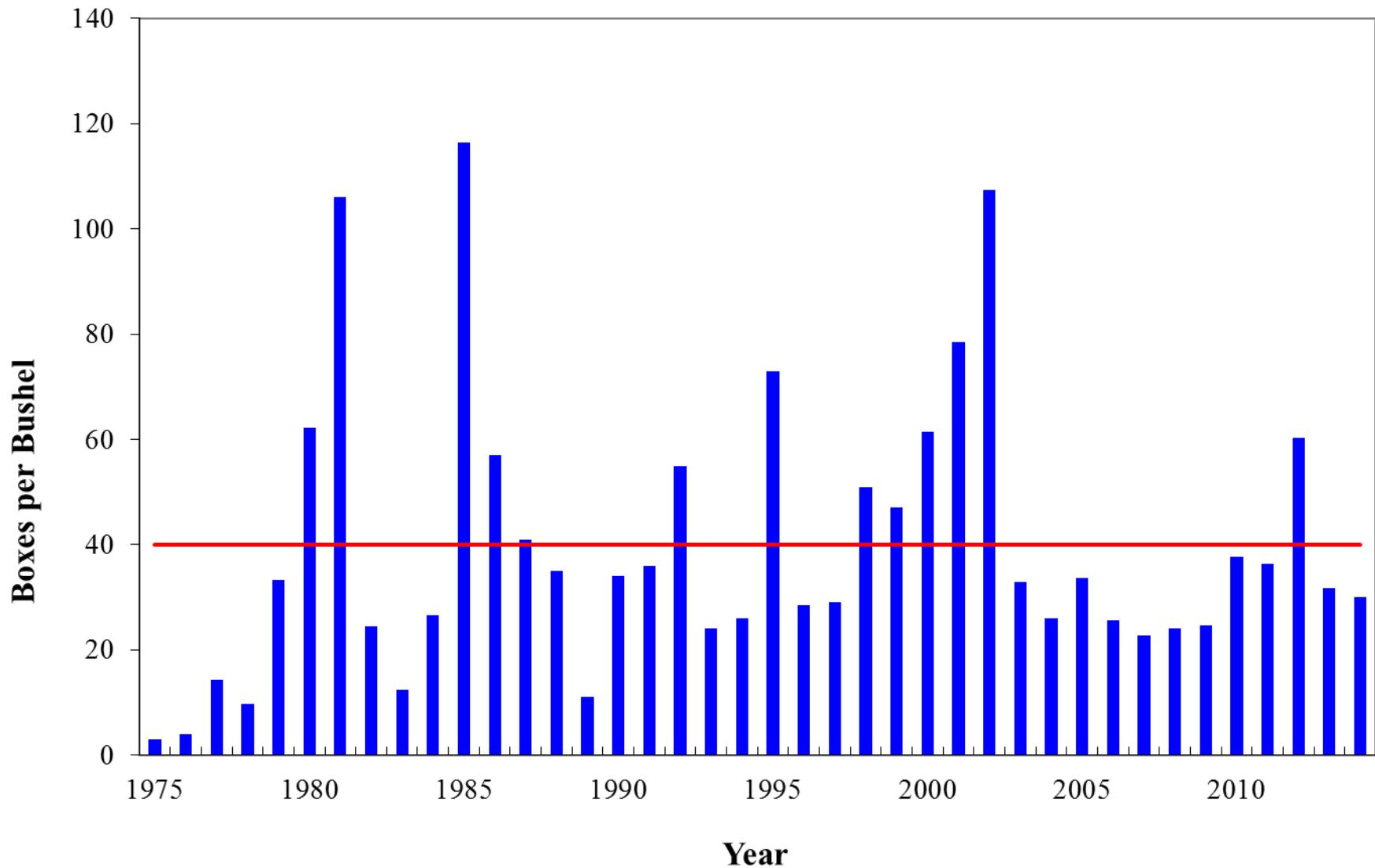
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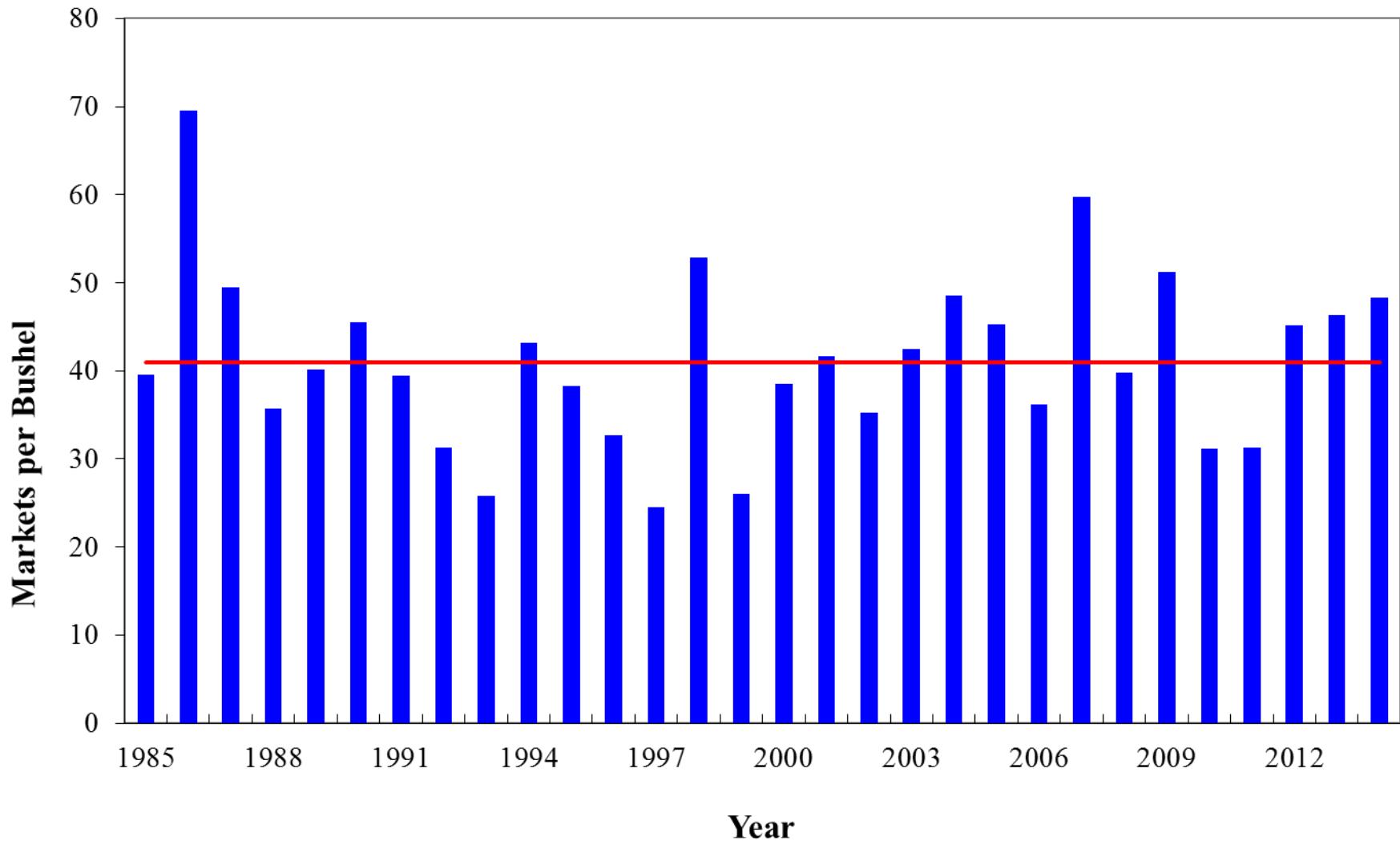
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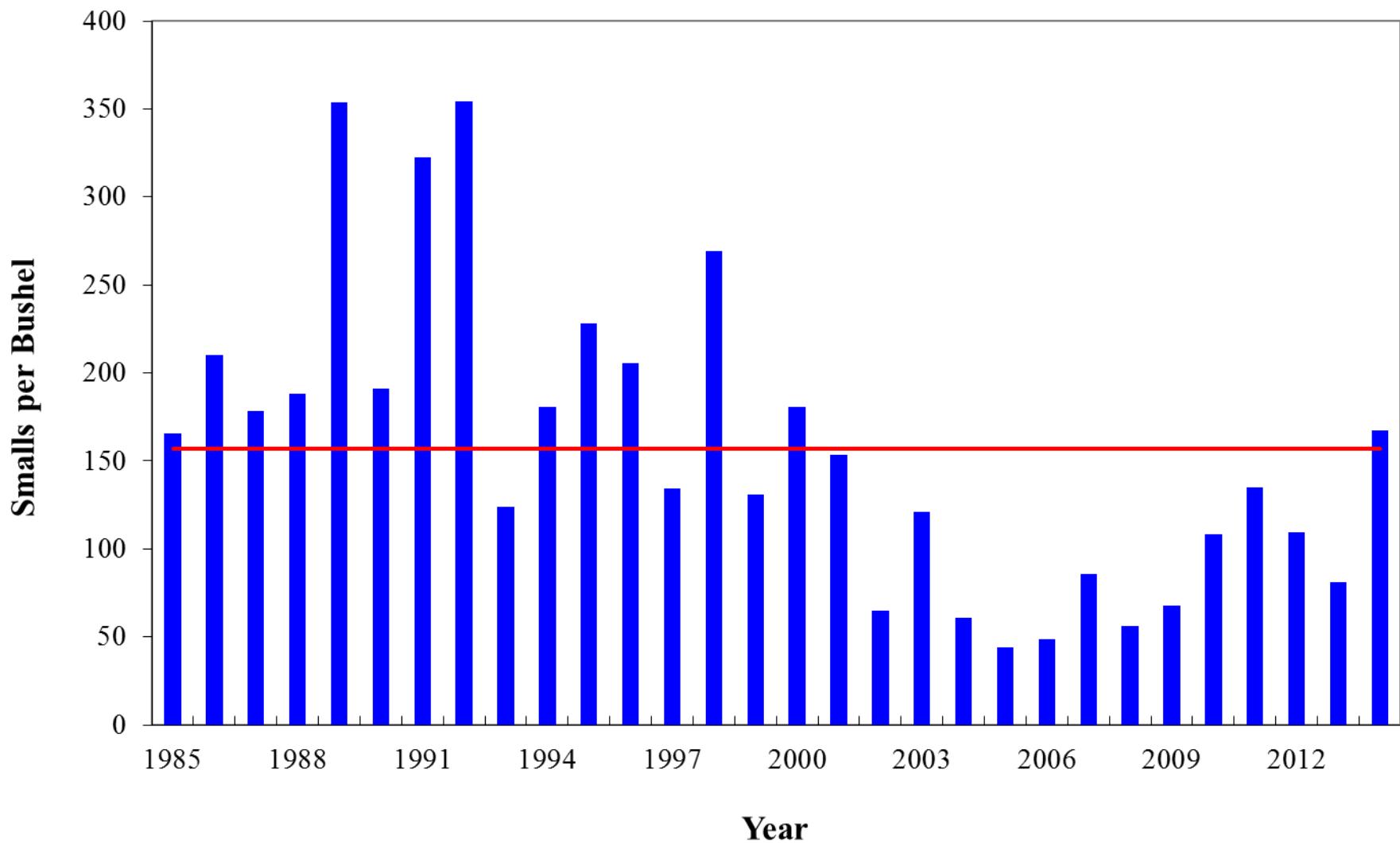
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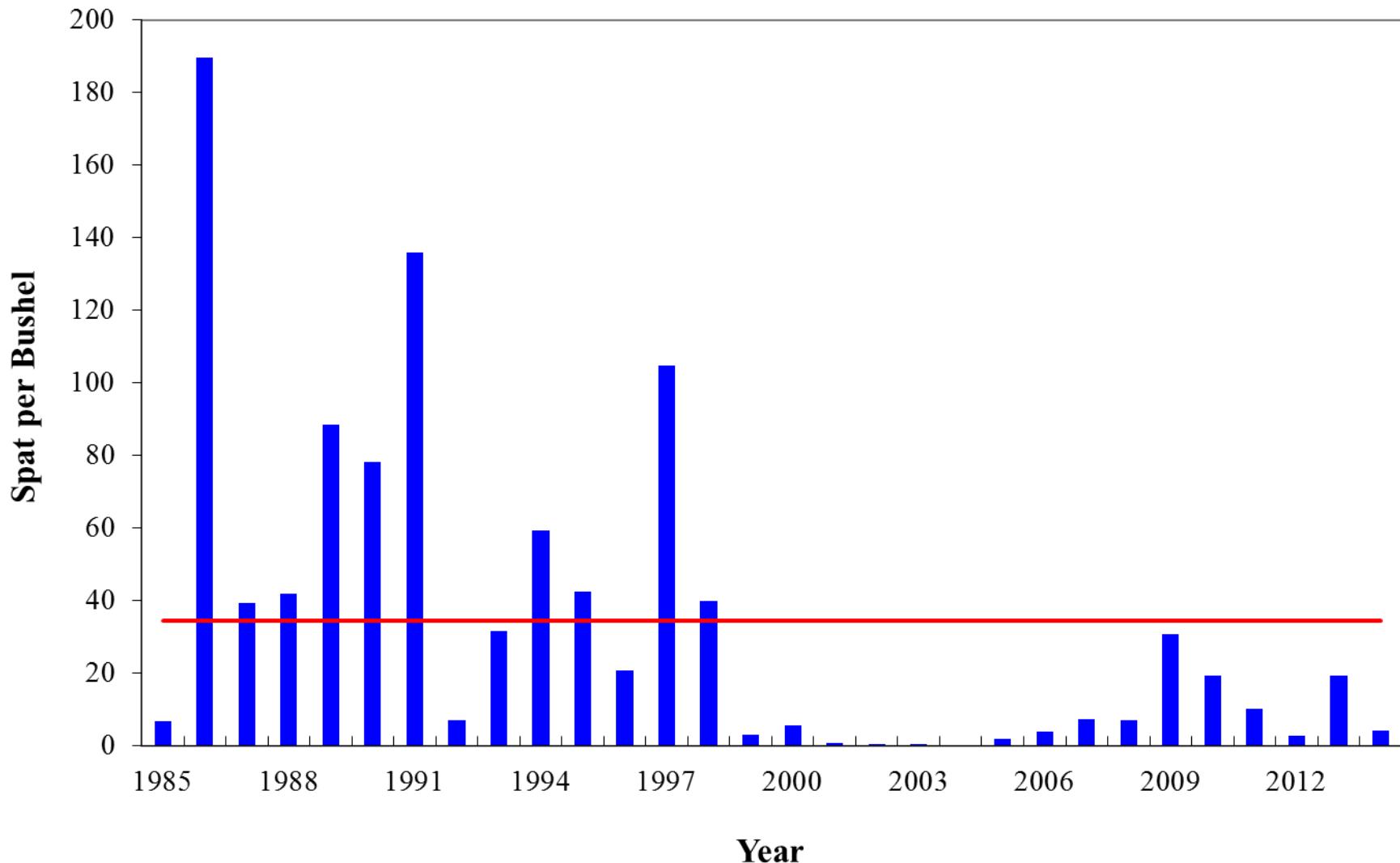
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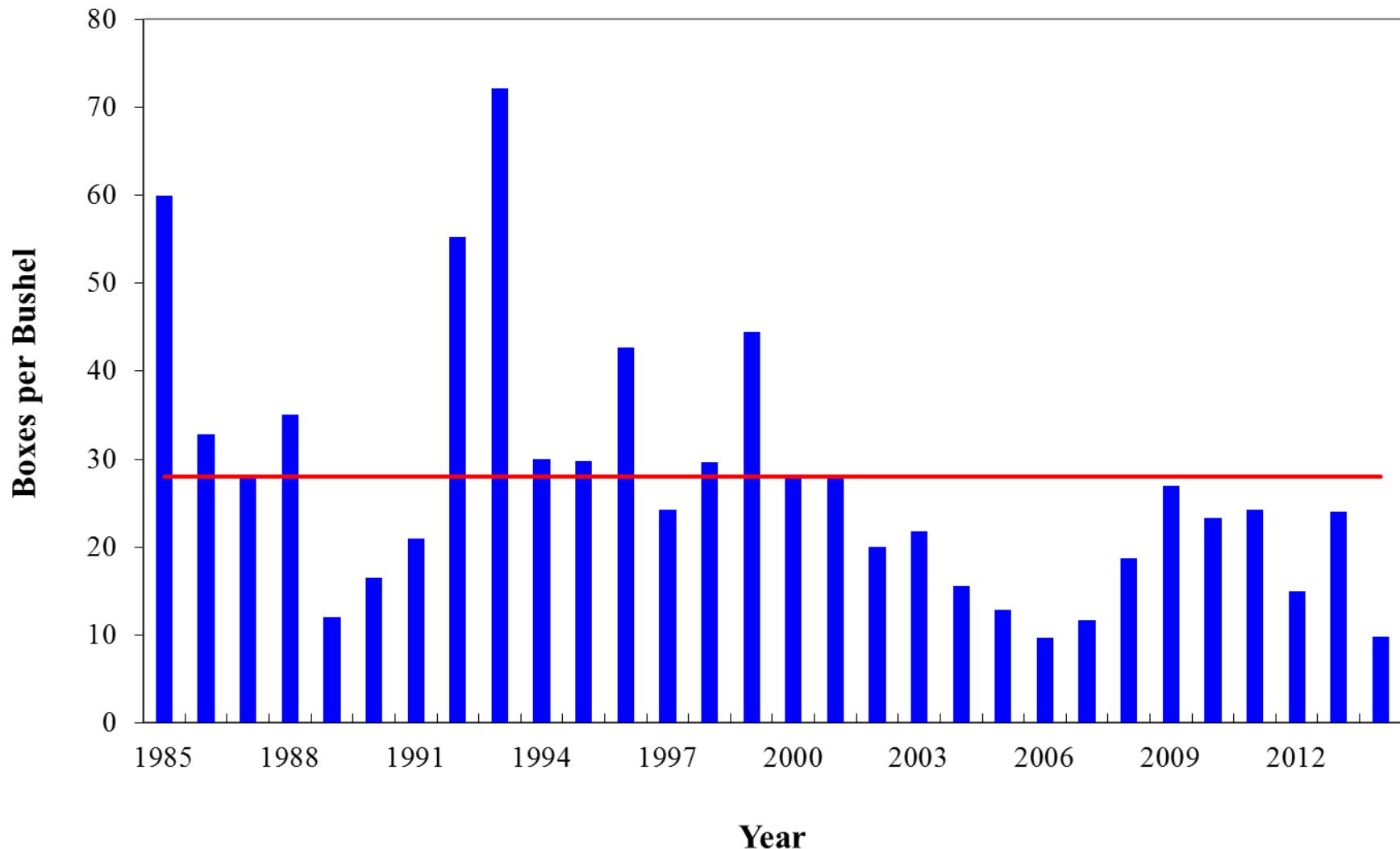
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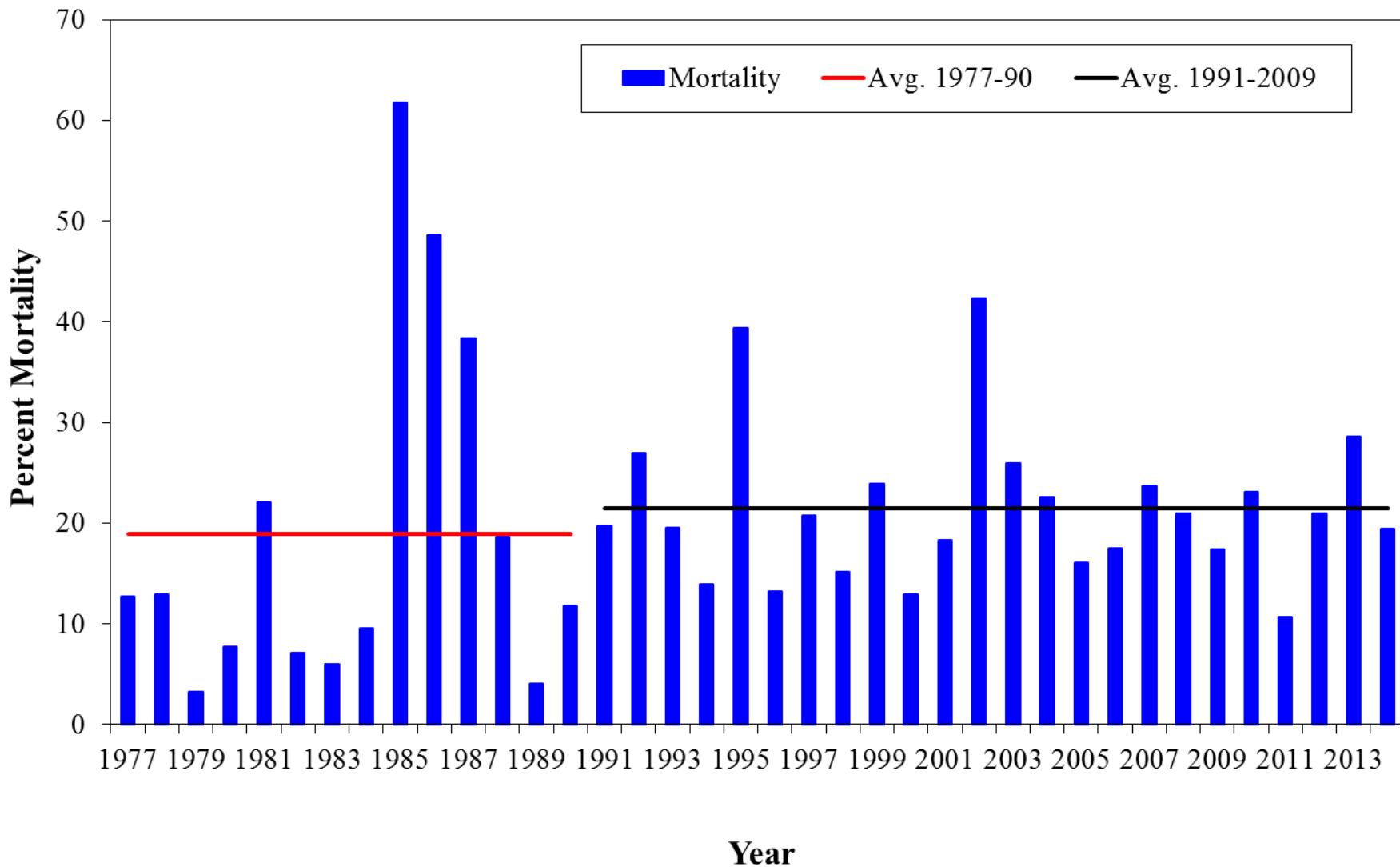
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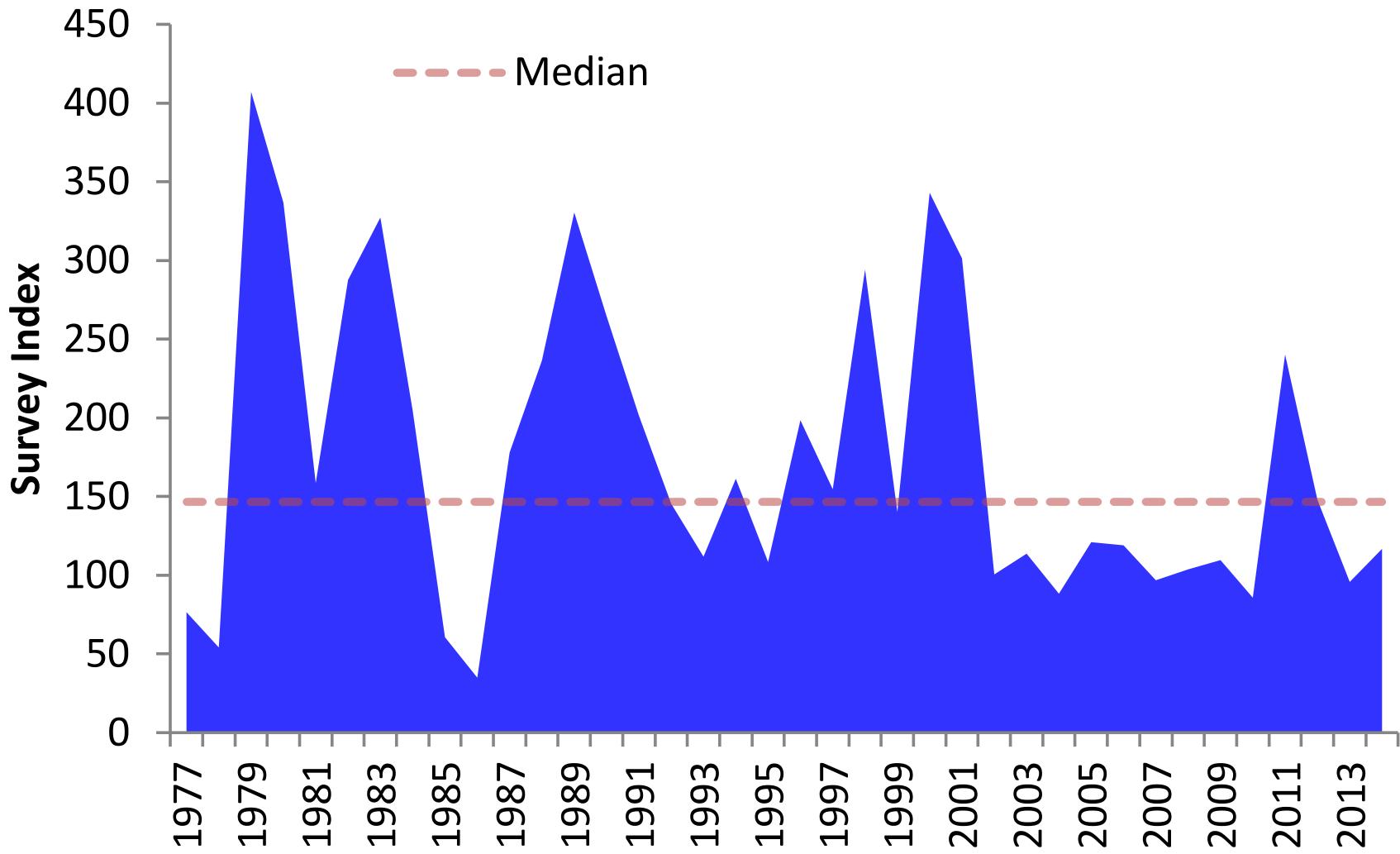
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Average Annual Mortality (smalls + markets)



Survey Index (Mean #s small and markets/ bushel)

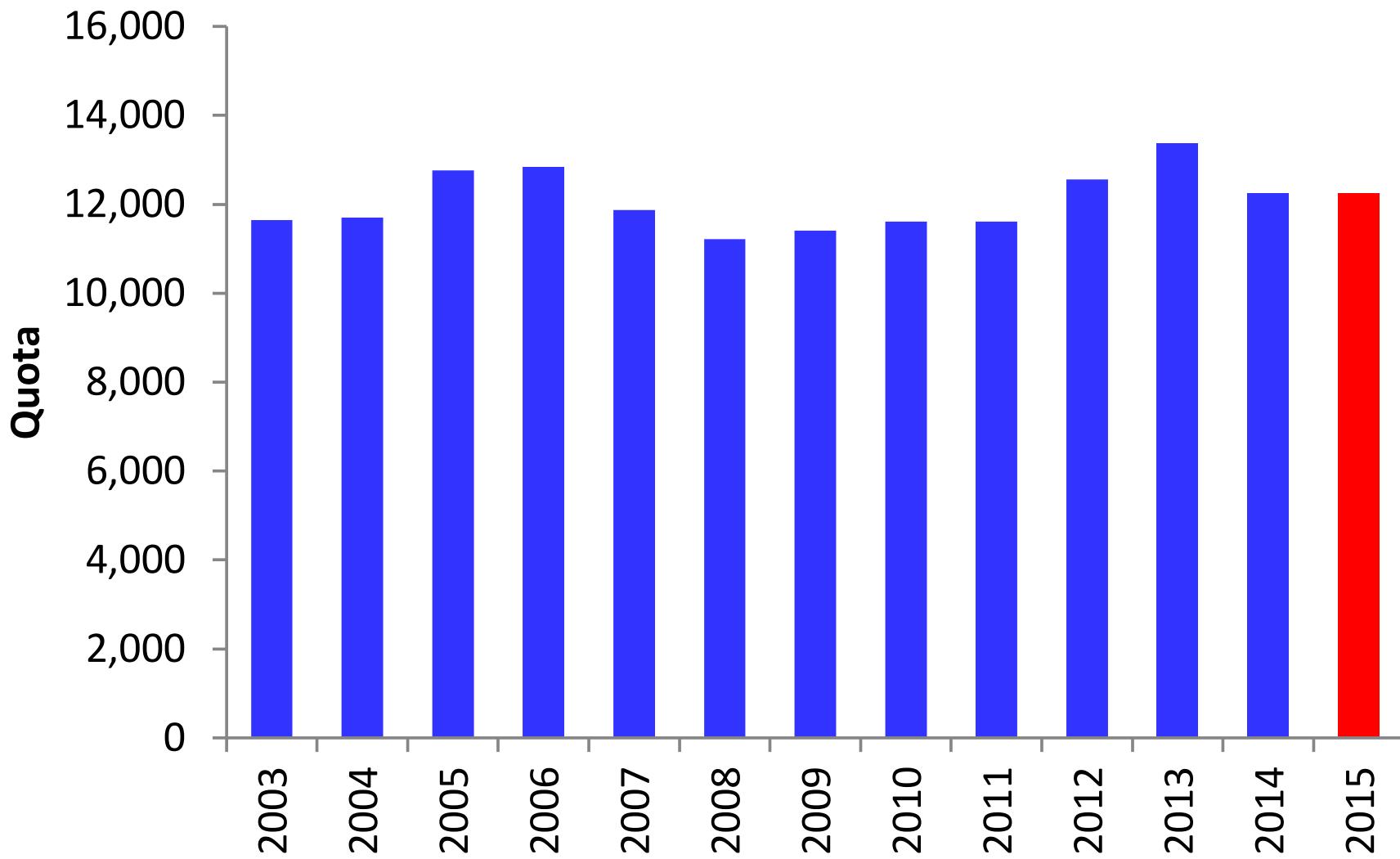


Percentage of oysters greater than or equal to 2.75" and 3"

Bed	% > 2.75"	% > 3"
Ridge	37.63	34.36
Silver Bed	49.83	40.27
Over-the-Bar	51.56	41.36
Lower Middle	46.70	41.83
Drum Bed	62.29	56.83
Average	49.60	42.93

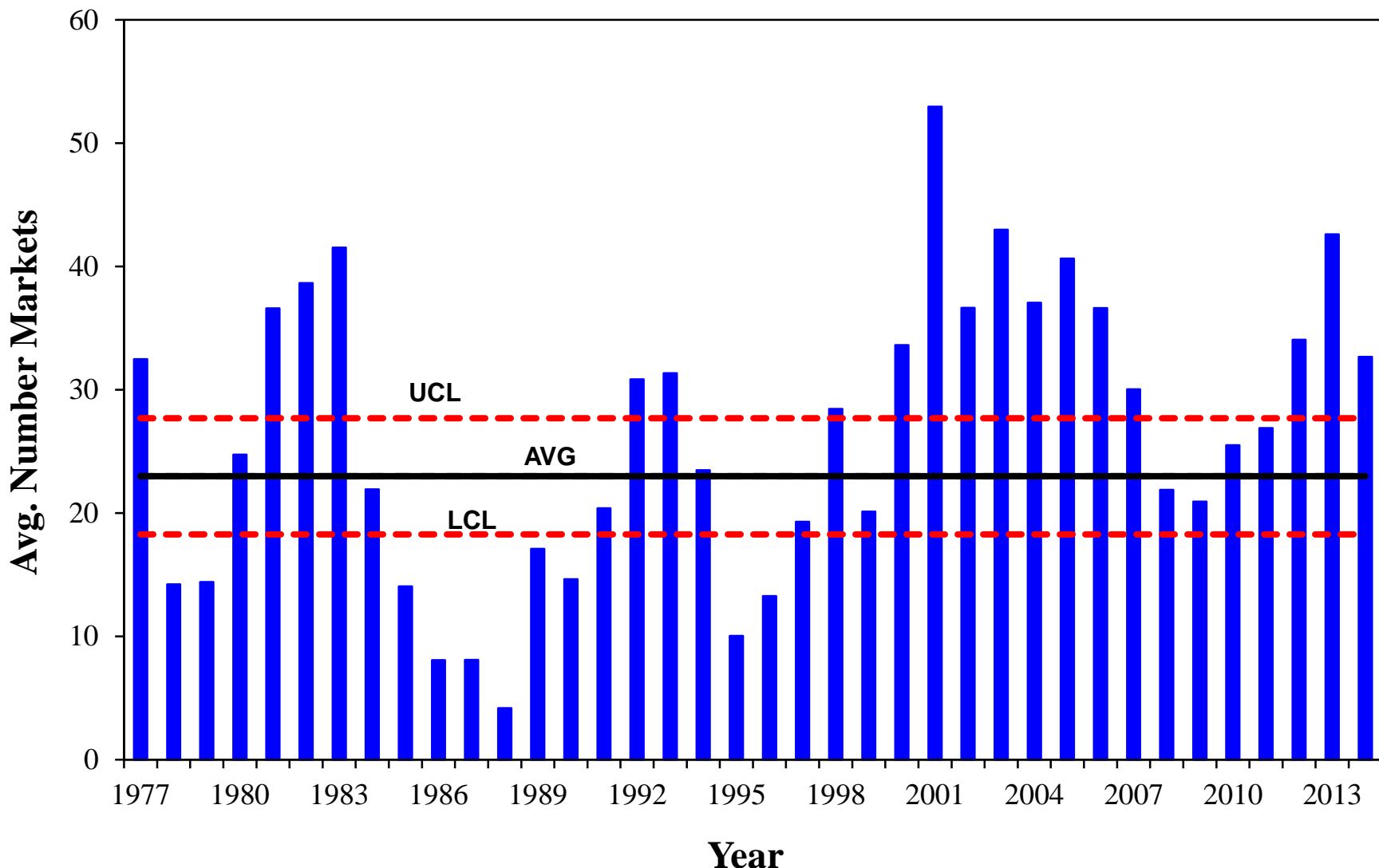
- Quota is based on the relationship between oyster harvest and the fall survey index from 1977-95.
- 2015 quota = 12,245 bushels

Annual Quotas



Pooled Average Number of Markets

(Upper C.I., Long-term Average (1977-2001), Lower C.I.)



SEASON

April 1 – May 30

Sep 1 – Dec 31

QUOTA

12,245 bushels